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Only days after the "memorandum of understanding" was signed with President Trump, Iran refused to show up for talks in Switzerland, and briefly closed the Strait of Hormuz. Critics worry the Islamic regime will "tap along" the US for 60 days and beyond as they sell oil to rebuild.

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Death of Robin 'Wood'

A massive ancient oak tree in England linked to the legend of Robin Hood may have been loved to death.

The 1,200-year-old Major Oak in Sherwood Forest is believed to have died after it didn't sprout leaves this spring, the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds said Thursday.

Visitors over the past two centuries who viewed the tree's gnarled limbs and sprawling canopy in Nottingham compressed the soil, making it difficult for rain to reach its roots, the conservation group said.

The forest has been under threat for years and the tree had been rumored to have died in the past — only to have the group confirm it was still alive.

That is no longer the case.

"The tree's failure to produce leaves this year is heartbreaking for everyone," Hollie Drake of the RSPB said in a statement.

The tree is said to have sheltered Robin Hood, the legendary 13th-century bandit who stole from the rich and gave to the poor and took refuge in the forest when being pursued by the sheriff of Nottingham. *Wires*

Zoo makes ass of itself

Their zebra costume is half-assed!

A Chinese zoo tried to pass a donkey off as a zebra by painting it with stripes.

Footage shows the donkey (above) marked with crudely drawn black stripes at the wildlife park in Anqiu, Weifang.

The animal's long ears and coloring, along with other donkeys in its enclosure, tipped off visitors at the Qingyun Mountain Folk Custom Amusement Park, according to Jam Press.

Natalie O'Neill

Hathaway baby bump in Saint-Tropez

MAMA WEARS PRADA

MATERNAL INSTINCT: Anne Hathaway confirmed her pregnancy with child No. 3 after she was spotted "showing" on vacation at the Jardin Tropezina beach in the French Riviera.

BACKGRID

By SOPHIA MELISSA CARABALLO PIÑEIRO

And baby makes five!

Anne Hathaway is pregnant with baby No. 3 — and she debuted her brand new bump while on vacation in Saint-Tropez.

In pictures exclusively obtained by Page Six, the "Devil Wears Prada 2" star was spotted at the Jardin Tropezina beach in the French Riviera with her husband, Adam Shulman, her two sons and a group of close friends.

For the family outing, Hathaway sported a multicolored bikini, which she paired with a straw hat and oversized sunglasses.

The actress, 43, confirmed the news Friday via Instagram, captioning her post, "x Baby, I'm yours x."

Hathaway's pregnancy comes as she is seemingly taking a summer break after working on five movies, which have been released — or will be released — this year.

Fertility struggles

So far, she has done press tours for "Devil Wears Prada 2" and "Mother Mary" — before she is set to pick things back up with "The Odyssey," "The End of Oak Street" and "Verity."

The "Princess Diaries" actress married Shulman in 2012 before expanding their family four years later.

In 2016, she welcomed their first son, Jonathan, before giving birth to son Jack three years later.

When announcing her pregnancy with Jack, the actress opened up about her struggles with fertility.

Baring her pregnancy with a mirror selfie, she captioned her Instagram post, "For everyone going through infertility and conception hell, please know it was not a straight line to either of my pregnancies. Sending you extra love."

In 2024, during an interview with Vanity Fair, Hathaway also revealed she experienced a miscarriage in 2015.

Despite her struggles, she has been open about having more children.

"I didn't feel fully landed and fully here until I was a mom," she told WSJ.

"It's not like I was lacking integrity, but it made me want to be completely, on every level, true to my word."

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Don deal is a bust

Likely worse than Bam's

By POST EDITORIAL BOARD

THE POST SAYS:

AS he prepared to sign his "memorandum of understanding" with the Islamic dictatorship of Iran, President Trump again insisted his deal was much different than that of his predecessor, President Barack Obama.

He's right — it's probably *worse*.

Obama's treaty did not prevent Iran from developing a nuclear weapon, it simply punted the issue down the road in exchange for cash.

Trump's agreement has the same vague promises, the same payouts, but with the added twist that Iran can and will take the world hostage by shutting the Strait of Hormuz at will.

On Friday, just days after the signing of the MOU, Iran moved to close the Strait, saying no ships could cross without its permission and suggesting that "insurance fees" must be paid.

This isn't in violation of the deal. This is *part of the deal*.

Point No. 5: "The Islamic Republic of Iran will conduct dialog with the Sultanate of Oman to define the future administration and maritime services in the Strait of Hormuz."

Why would opening the door for "administration" of a previously free international waterway even be part this agreement?

How is this in any way the "unconditional surrender" Trump described?

Prez betraying base

The deal contains just *one* condition Trump previously said was required of Iran. It's No. 7: "Islamic Republic of Iran reaffirms that it shall not procure or develop nuclear weapons."

"Reaffirm" — because that's what Iran has always claimed. If they suddenly mean it, it would be a win.

The rest of the 14-point plan is almost entirely about what Iran gets: Immediate sanctions relief on exported oil. Protection of Hezbollah from Israeli attack. And the possibility of a $300 billion reconstruction fund if all goes well with the next round of talks.

No mention of Iran reining in its terror proxies in Gaza, Lebanon and Yemen. No restriction on conventional weapons. No mechanism to surrender the enriched uranium it has already created. No regime change or mercy for protesters.

Trump had claimed Iran was days away from economic collapse because of the blockade. He said Iran's navy and air force were "decimated." This is the best deal we could get with the leverage we had?

The president hasn't just moved the goalposts, he's changed the sport, the venue and the rules simply to declare a win.

This isn't what Trump's voters want, despite the claims of the Tucker Carlson's of the world.

Among self-identified MAGA Republicans, 51% favor regime change, while 25% back a negotiated settlement, according to a new Reagan Institute Summer Survey.

This shouldn't be about the podcasters, it's about the people.

Trump is betraying his base — and his allies.

Speaking of allies, Vice President JD Vance responded to Israeli criticism of the deal with a thuggish threat, suggesting they not attack "the only powerful ally [they] have anywhere left in the entire world."

Israel has been a staunch defender of American interests in the region. Vance pays them back with a "nice country you have there, shame if anything happened to it"?

Voters aren't buying it

This comes on the heels of Trump needlessly insulting Italian Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni, and Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth looking for ways to weaken Europe.

What's the plan here? Make sure we have no friends left?

The administration says the MOU is just a first step. Iran won't get full sanctions relief unless it agrees to a larger deal over the next 60 days. But Iran has *already* delayed negotiations, with Vance canceling a trip to Switzerland.

The more time that passes, the more Iran realizes that the threat of renewed US strikes is a fiction. They can "tap us along" until the midterms and beyond.

Trump is already signaling as much by ridiculously claiming the son of the ayatollah taking over is "regime change" and the MOU is a victory.

Your voters aren't buying it, Mr. President. This memorandum is not the end, and the first sign of betrayal by Iran must be treated as the last — with renewed action to stop its evil. Already, Iran has shown it will leverage the strait and blackmail the world once US ships have left. This cannot be allowed.

Don't make the same mistake Obama did.

Tehran's mixed messages over Hormuz transit

By CAITLIN DOORNBOS, STEVEN NELSON and RYAN KING

WASHINGTON — Both President Trump and Iran's Foreign Ministry insisted Friday that marine traffic was flowing through the Strait of Hormuz following a day of confusion during which the Islamic Republic suggested the waterway had been closed again.

"Those ships are flowing out of the Hormuz Strait like nobody has ever seen before, actually," Trump claimed. "There were a lot of — about 700 of them, and they're pouring out, the oil is all over the place."

At least four tankers carrying crude, oil products and liquefied petroleum gas entered the strait on Friday bound for Iraqi Gulf ports, according to MarineTraffic data.

There were 25 commercial crossings on Thursday — the highest single-day count since April 18 and more than five times the daily average in the first 10 days of June, though still well below the prewar level of about 120 daily crossings, AXS Marine data showed.

"The armed forces of Iran, in accordance with the memorandum of understanding [MOU] to end the war . . . have taken the necessary measures to ensure the safe passage of commercial vessels through the Strait of Hormuz, and shipping in this route is currently underway," Foreign Ministry spokesman Esmail Baghaei said.

Dueling messages

Earlier, an Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) statement read over maritime radio channels warned vessels not to enter the strait because the US was in violation of the MOU, which President Trump and Iranian President Masoud Pezeshkian signed Wednesday.

"Since Israel's withdrawal from Lebanon, the complete lifting of the naval blockade and the withdrawal of American terrorist forces from the Persian Gulf and the region are among the main conditions of the agreement between Iran and the United States, the Strait of Hormuz will remain closed until these conditions are met," it said. "All ships are requested, for the sake of their security and safety, not to approach the Strait of Hormuz. Any vessel that defies this directive will be targeted."

The dueling messages mirrored Iran's internal divisions over

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CONFUSION

CHAOS: Days after President Trum]p's signed MOU, Iran's Foreign Ministry said the Strait of Hormuz was open for passage Friday, while the military wing of the government warned it's closed.

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whether it should keep fighting the US or seek a truce.

They also clarified the extent to which Tehran continues to hold leverage over the strait, through which about one-fifth of the world's oil flows.

"It's going to be important at every step of the way to ensure we respond forcefully to every attempt by the Iranians to pull back, jerk us around or shake us down for more," former National Security Council official Rich Goldberg, now of the Foundation for Defense of Democracies, told The Post Friday.

"There is a fine line between strategic patience and prudent strategy versus getting sucked into an extortion racket. And we should proceed to ensure we are pursuing the former and not the latter."

"Trump says his Iran deal avoided a 'worldwide depression.' That is not a boast. It is an indictment," Yaron Brook of the California-based Ayn Rand Institute declared on X Thursday.

"It means the war ended not because Iran was defeated, not because the regime capitulated, not because its nuclear and missile programs were dismantled — but because Iran succeeded in turning the Strait of Hormuz into a hostage."

The Iranian Foreign Ministry announcement came after Israel and Hezbollah reached a new cease-fire agreement, though the Jewish state's military said it would not pull out of southern Lebanon as the IRGC demanded.

"Recent events have made one thing clear: IDF soldiers must stand between Hezbollah and Israeli civilians," said spokesman Brig. Gen. Effie Defrin, citing overnight attacks that killed four Israeli soldiers.

"We will not wait for the next attack to reach our homes."

With Wires

Push to keep Bibi 'sane'

WASHINGTON — President Trump claimed in an interview released Friday that he has to keep Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu "a little bit sane" while insisting they still have a "good" relationship.

Trump criticized his wartime ally as he said he had lost respect for "hardliners" who want him to continue fighting the war with Iran.

"If it weren't for Donald Trump — and Bibi Netanyahu (above) worked well with me, but he will tell you, we're the ones with the guns, we're the ones with the whole deal, we're the ones with the B-2 bombers, etc.," the president told Axios reporter Mark Caputo.

"If it weren't for Donald Trump, Israel would have been eviscerated."

When asked whether he would be able to keep Israel from attacking Hezbollah in Lebanon to preserve a peace deal with Iran, the president was adamant: "Yeah, I will be."

"They have a lot of respect for me, and they do as I say."

A key provision of the current memorandum of understanding (MOU) with Iran is for the fighting on all fronts, including in Lebanon, to cease. Iran publicly claimed it would not participate in the first round of peace talks under the MOU as long as Israel and Hezbollah were still fighting. *Ryan King*

MAGA regime oust wish

President Trump's most fervent supporters prefer overthrowing Iran's theocratic regime to reaching a negotiated settlement with Tehran by a margin of more than two-to-one, according to a new survey.

The Reagan Institute Summer Survey found 51% of self-described "MAGA Republicans" said they want the US to install new leadership in Iran, while just 25% prefer a peace deal.

Among all Republicans, 50% said they were in favor of putting a US-friendly regime in place, with 25% again saying they want a negotiated settlement.

Dems gave a mirror-image response, with 52% preferring a diplomatic approach and 25% for regime change. *Chris Nesi*

Among self-identified MAGA Republicans:

51% favored regime change

25% backed a negotiated settlement

THE BATTLE FOR IRAN

Deal will be difficult to enforce

Giving ’em $$ won’t pay off

LEE SMITH

LESS than three months ago, Donald Trump was mocking the 2015 deal Barack Obama made with Iran that cleared the regime’s path to a nuclear bomb.

“They sent Boeing 757s over there, loaded with cash, hundreds of millions of dollars,” said Trump, referring to the cash ransom Obama aides delivered directly to the Islamic Revolutionary Guards Corps, or IRGC, to bribe the Iranians to agree to the phony deal. “That’s not going to happen with Trump.”

And yet it seems that’s exactly what’s happening with Trump.

According to reports, the United Arab Emirates, a key US regional ally, is making $20 billion of frozen Iranian assets available to the Islamic Republic, with $3 billion of it having already been delivered to Tehran, perhaps by a Boeing 757 and maybe even on wooden pallets like those Obama stacked with cash to pay the terror state.

Emirati officials deny that they’re buying off Iran on behalf of the United States, but if Abu Dhabi thought Trump was going to put the clerical regime down for the count, it wouldn’t be giving money to a neighbor that since March has set fire to high-end real-estate properties with hundreds of missile and drone attacks.

Instead, the Emiratis are paying tribute to the side that looks like a winner.

Thus, it seems that what Trump has frequently called the worst deal ever negotiated, and has identified for more than a decade as Exhibit A in the case against American loserdom, has now become the pattern of his own Iran policy.

And, like Obama’s, the plan is to gorge the IRGC with money and pave the way to a nuclear bomb while restraining Israel from responding to missile attacks by Iran and its proxies for the sake of what it euphemistically calls regional order.

Vance’s persuasion

What seems to have held Trump back from green-lighting the memorandum of understanding (MOU) that Vice President JD Vance has negotiated with Iran is his fear that he can’t repackage Obama’s deal as his own big geopolitical win because his base will see through it and think him a loser.

And so, for nearly a month, Vance, leader of the White House’s “restrainer” faction, has been trying to convince Trump that MAGA is definitely dumb enough to be suckered into believing that the Iran deal his loyal deputy has captained is a historic win.

Vance is happy to be celebrated by his online friends as the man who stopped the neocon war for Israel, but he doesn’t want his name publicly attached to the deal in the event the Iranians or his boss blow it up. So he briefs the press on background, asking that journalists attribute the information regarding the MOU he’s been negotiating to a senior administration official.

US ‘IRAN’-IT BACK: Vice President JD Vance worked to convince President Trump that an Iran payoff would work this time.

Last week, the “senior administration official” held a call with reporters to say the deal is close at hand — or nearly, as he bragged in a May call with the same media cohort. Ninety-five percent done. He was short on details but assured his captive audience that Iran had committed to dismantling its nuclear facilities, destroying and shipping out its stockpiles of enriched uranium and giving up its regional terror proxies Hezbollah, Hamas and the Houthis; in short, Iran was conceding to every US demand.

And, the vice president repeated frequently, the Iranians would only be paid when they were in compliance. And to cover all the bases, a strict verification regime would be put in place to make sure Iran was abiding by the deal. After all, neither he nor the president is naive about Iran.

Vance’s validator calls with the press, influencers and think-tank experts constitute the centerpiece of his communications campaign, which is modeled after Obama’s Iran deal echo chamber but with one big difference. The Obama team set up its comms infrastructure to steamroll Iran deal opponents, like US lawmakers, nuclear proliferation experts, Republican voters and pro-Israel activists. Vance’s only audience is Trump.

Obama playbook

By generating positive articles, social media posts and TV appearances celebrating Vance’s hard-fought progress in bending the Iranians to his will, the vice president is amassing evidence to show Trump that his supporters are 100% behind the president’s new policy of accommodating Iran — Obama’s policy.

In the call Friday, Vance explained that his working theory of Iran is that the regime’s moderate faction is ascendant, and the way to empower them is to make concessions to them so they can show the hard-liners, the IRGC, that they can deliver the goods to the Iranian people.

The schematics sound familiar because it’s exactly how Obama sold the Iran deal.

“The people most opposed to the deal are the Revolutionary Guard,” Obama said in 2015, “hard-liners who are implacably opposed to any cooperation with the international community. And there’s a reason for that, because they recognize that if, in fact, this deal gets done, that rather than them being in the driver’s seat with respect to the Iranian economy, they are in a weaker position.”

Did that work? No, the money Iran won from Obama’s deal went to the IRGC. A fact sheet released by the first Trump administration in May 2018, when the president withdrew from what he then called “one of the worst and most

if Tehran is handed billions up front

A MATTER OF DUST: Iranian President Masoud Pezeshkian signed a memorandum of understanding with the US, but it could be hard to hold the regime to a no-nukes policy while also paying it off.

Iranian Presidency via ZUMA Press / SplashNews.com

one-sided transactions the United States has ever entered into," showed that with the money from the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA), the IRGC "funded a military buildup and continues to fund its terrorist proxies, such as Hizballah and Hamas."

So how would it work differently now?

Because we're not naive, Vance told the media. The difference between Obama's deal and the deal Vance is trying to get Trump to sell to his base is the Iranians get things for performance, and, said the vice president, if we don't see that performance, then Iran will not get any of the economic benefits of this negotiation.

Thus, what most distinguishes the MOU from the JCPOA, Vance insists, is that the Iranians won't get paid up front, the way Obama paid Iran to sit down and negotiate.

But that's obviously not true. There are two stages to the MOU, and Iran has conditioned its participation in the second stage — negotiating over the nuclear issues — on its satisfaction with the concessions it will win in the first stage, negotiations to reopen the Strait of Hormuz.

So if Vance wasn't yet bargaining over the nuclear file or even the reopening of the strait, what could he have been negotiating the past month, except how to pay Iran up front?

It's taken so long because the trick is making sure that whatever formula he devises for getting Iran paid won't embarrass Trump by making him look exactly like Obama. Otherwise, the deal may be more than Trump can stomach.

Of course, the only part of the MOU that matters to the Iranians is the first phase, when they will get paid more and through multiple channels, including sanctions relief that allows them to sell their oil and petrochemicals, the release of more frozen assets, and "reparations" — i.e., more tribute from the Gulf Arabs.

Once paid, and confident the United States won't return to war lest it jeopardize the negotiations for which it called off military operations, the Iranians can dictate the tempo of the talks and determine how and when, if ever, to begin the second phase. Vance has already shown his willingness to help them keep stringing it out, for six or 12 months or until Trump's term is over.

There are serious consequences to losing wars. The last time an American president lost a war, Obama was sent to the White House and struck a deal with a terror state that guaranteed it would have a nuclear weapons program roughly a decade after he left office.

If his successor hadn't withdrawn from the Iran nuclear deal in his first term and killed terror master Qassem Soleimani, and if he hadn't in his second term joined with Israel to kill Iran's supreme leader and the top levels of the regime and destroy most of the country's nuclear weapons facilities and its ballistic missile program, Iran would almost surely have the bomb right now.

Opening door for Dems

It's because of Donald Trump that Iran doesn't have the bomb. Because of the president's historic partnership with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, the Iranian regime has been battered. But that doesn't mean Trump won the war. Not yet, anyway.

Historical trends suggest a Democrat will succeed Trump, but losing to Iran would virtually ensure it.

Then, Obama's party will help rebuild the Iranians' nuclear program, and all of Trump's efforts, and all the battles won and sacrifices made by American armed forces to stop Iran, will amount to nothing because he didn't win. Losing wars comes with serious consequences.

Pentagon chief Pete Hegseth made clear at the outset of the war that the central goal of the US government was to end Iran's ability to project power beyond its own borders.

Polls show that Trump voters still support his war aims. The catch is that it seems he no longer does. He says it's always been his preference to take Kharg Island by force, but he chose against it because he didn't think the American people had the stomach for it.

The joint US-Israel campaign destroyed physical things that can't be easily replaced, like nuclear facilities. Entering negotiations with Iran to secure physical things that yet remain — the remainder of the regime's nuclear facilities and its stockpiled enriched uranium — is an acknowledgment that you are, at least at present, not capable of or willing to destroy or seize them.

Lost leverage

Shifting from war to talks tilts the balance of power in the other direction, away from the United States, which at war made no concessions, and toward Iran, to which Trump must now make concessions to make a deal.

And the deal, as Vance laid it out in his press briefing, only means surrender. No verification regime can hold Iran to the commitments he says Iran is willing to make. What happens when the Iranians invariably fail to uphold their pledges and then turn away inspectors?

And Trump's decision to forgo military operations to achieve his aims means there is no mechanism to enforce any of the already feeble provisions Vance is promoting.

If Trump has already put aside force because he reckoned the cost for winning his objective was too dear, what reason does Iran have to fear that he'd return to tactics he discredited by abandoning them for negotiations after he failed to secure his aims through war?

The Iranians have the upper hand, and not because of any preternatural ability to negotiate for which they're often, wrongly, credited. The plain truth is that what won't be won by force cannot be taken through negotiations.

If Trump doesn't get Iran right, there will be no time left for absolution or apologies. If he loses this war, generations of Americans will pay the price for a defeat that the 47th president of the United States brought on himself.

And future historians of the period are unlikely to have any clearer understanding of why than we do now.

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‘World’ of trouble

By CRAIG McCARTHY
and HANNAH FIERICK

A controversial lefty New York congressional candidate is offering coveted World Cup tickets to campaign volunteers — and free ice cream to early voters — seemingly running afoul of federal election laws, and potentially FIFA, The Post has learned.

Experts said the freebies offered by Darializa Avila Chevalier’s insurgent campaign appear to violate Federal Election Commission guidelines that strictly prohibit rewarding volunteers with perks and offering payment, including free food, in exchange for voter turnout.

“It sounds like they are paying people to vote, which is, of course, unlawful,” said Fordham Law Professor Jerry Goldfeder.

The campaign for the Democratic Socialists of America challenger — who is running to unseat longtime Rep. Adriano Espaillat in New York’s 13th House District — posted the ice cream offer on Instagram Thursday.

‘Vote early’

“Ice cream for NY-13 early voters!” the emoji-riddled post said, with instructions: “Vote early and keep your sticker!

“On Friday the 19th, come to a West, Central, or East Harlem canvass and show your sticker to one of our field leads to get a Sugar Hill Creamery token. Use the token at Sugar Hill Creamery for a free cup of ice cream!!”

BABIES
NOT
BOMBS

Lefty’s gifts to vols are *red* flag

Robert Miller for NY Post

CANDIDATE USES A ‘BULL’HORN: Mayor Mamdani campaigns for far-left hopeful Darializa Avila Chevalier in her bid for Congress against veteran Rep. Adriano Espaillat (inset) during a recent rally in East Harlem.

It adds: “*Toppings, cones, or other extras at additional expense,” along with a red heart emoji.

One day earlier, Chevalier, on her official campaign X account, announced that four volunteers would have the chance to win prized seats to the Panama vs. England match on June 27.

“Canvass for Darializa for a chance to win prime seat tickets at the World Cup,” the post read, instructing volunteers to collect trading cards for each completed canvassing shift in exchange for entry to the raffle.

“10 cards = automatic raffle entry.”

Paying or offering an expenditure or gift in exchange for voting is a federal crime. The Department of Justice defines a “payment” as anything carrying monetary value — such as free food.

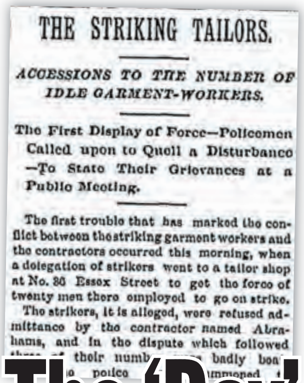
The FEC also sets strict rules when it comes to campaign volunteers — and makes clear that the moment an unpaid worker receives a gift or transfer of monetary value, they are no longer legally considered a volunteer by the organization.

“The campaign may not pay for admission to sporting events, concerts, theater and other forms of entertainment,” states the rules page on the FEC website.

The FEC declined to comment.

Chevalier’s campaign didn’t return requests for comment, nor did FIFA.

“We’ve done token programs like this before with other community partners, including local churches,” Sugar Hill Creamery said in a statement.



THE STRIKING TAILORS.

ACCESSIONS TO THE NUMBER OF IDLE GARMENT-WORKERS.

The First Display of Force—Policemen Called upon to Quell a Disturbance—To State Their Grievances at a Public Meeting.

The first trouble that has marked the conflict between the striking garment workers and the contractors occurred this morning, when a delegation of strikers went to a tailor shop at No. 80 Essex Street to get the force of twenty men there employed to go on strike.

The strikers, it is alleged, were refused admittance by the contractor named Abrahams, and in the dispute which followed

The ‘Day’ laborer unrest

The Post is counting down to America’s 250th birthday with a look back at the nation’s — and the paper’s — history. Every day leading up to the big event on July 4, we’re publishing notable covers and stories from our archives:

The Great Tailors’ Strike: Sept. 5, 1894

Even though President Grover Cleveland had rushed in June to create Labor Day as a federal holiday, the workforce of 1894 was still not happy.

Happy
250th,
USA!

On Sept. 4, some 12,000 tailors in Manhattan and Brooklyn took to the streets, demanding a 10-hour workday (from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. with an hour for lunch), improved wages and an end to mandatory daily output quotas.

A front-page story in The Evening Post detailed their demands and a “fracas” between strikers and contractors that necessitated police intervention.

In 1894 there were a number of strikes across industries, including a national railroad boycott, as the fallout from the Panic of 1893 — economic depression, mass layoffs and lower wages — sparked labor unrest.

Warren Cohen

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New 747 is Air Force ‘One’der!

WASHINGTON — President Trump unveiled the new Air Force One on Friday — thanking Qatar for donating “the world’s most luxurious plane,” which he said would allow the United States to be “represented properly” as he travels the globe.

“It was built at a level that will probably never be seen again,” Trump told onlookers in a new hangar built at Joint Base Andrews for the larger jet, which Trump said would end the “ridiculous” situation of other world leaders having more imposing planes.

“This plane was transformed into a flying White House at a level of luxury that nobody’s ever seen before,” the president bragged as he stood in front of the jet.

“The workmanship of this plane is — when you see it, you won’t believe it, actually. The quality of woods, the quality of the materials, the quality of the engines. These engines are the finest, they’re the best in the world, nothing like it.

“So it’s really an honor, and I want to thank the Emir of Qatar. He’s a fantastic guy.”

Trump invited the traveling press pool to tour the new plane before heading to Camp David in rural Maryland for the weekend.

The $400 million Boeing 747-8, nicknamed the “palace in the sky,” is about 18 feet longer than the outgoing presidential jumbo jets, with a 30-foot wider wingspan and a wider cabin.

Trump noted the prior pair of Boeing 747s that served as long-haul Air Force Ones — in service since the George H.W. Bush administration — had traveled to 96 countries on 223 foreign trips.

Steven Nelson, Ally Goelz

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Hunter grumper

Hunter Biden has challenged Donald Trump Jr. to a cage fight in an unhinged rant attacking the UFC Freedom 250 event on the White House South Lawn.

Styled as a letter to Joe Rogan — who told anyone offended by the combat-sport spectacle to “shut the f--k up” — the former first son claimed it denigrated the “sacred” public space of the White House.

“The White House does not belong to Donald Trump,” he wrote.

“To treat it as Caesar treated the Colosseum is antithetical to everything our founding fathers fought for.”

Biden didn’t mention that in 2023 transgender TikTokers were invited to pose topless on the South Lawn.

Chris Nesi

‘BEG’ YOUR PAR‘DON’

‘All of Italy’ is angered by slap at PM

By RYAN KING

Italy Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni tore into President Trump Friday after he claimed that she “begged” him for a photo at this week’s G7 summit in France, saying she was “appalled” by his comment and warning him that “Italy and I never beg.”

“Donald Trump’s statements are completely fabricated. I am frankly appalled,” Meloni (inset) proclaimed in a video posted to Instagram.

“I don’t know why the president of the United States behaves this way towards his allies; after all, it’s not the first time it’s happened,” she went on. “I can only say it’s a pity that he doesn’t show the same determination with the enemies of the West, with the enemies of the United States.”

Meanwhile, Italian Foreign Minister Antonio Tajani announced on X that he was canceling a visit to the US planned for next week.

“The serious and offensive words of President Trump towards Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni offend all of Italy,” Tajani wrote by way of explanation.

“I can’t imagine @GiorgiaMeloni asking anyone for a photo, not even under threat,” added Defense Minister Guido Crosetto. “I can, however, imagine how much it cost her to set aside what Trump had said weeks ago, to serve the interests of Italy, of Europe and of the West. And I imagine how much it will cost her not to comment as it deserves on this latest lapse in style by the US president.

“For all that ‘lapse in style’ is an implicit and undeserved acknowledgment, in this case, what hurts is that jokes of this kind do no good to anyone: neither to the USA, nor to Italy, nor to the alliance.”

Meloni, 49, was once deemed to be the closest to Trump, 80, of any European leader, but the two have split over key global issues in recent months.

The Italian leader rankled the commander in chief by siding with her European fellows over the Iran war, while defending Pope Leo XIV after the US president attacked the pontiff over his criticism of US military action in the Middle East.

Trump and Meloni were seen having a deep conversation on the sidelines of the G7, which was held this past Monday through Wednesday at the Évian-les-Bains resort on the shore of Lake Gevena.

“She’s probably happy I talked to her,” Trump later told Italian broadcaster La7. “I didn’t have to talk to her. She begged me to take a photo with her. She wanted a photo with me so much. I wouldn’t have even done it, but I felt sorry for her.”

The broadcaster released only a dubbed version of the interview, not actual audio of Trump slighting Meloni.

‘Ban the rides, Mam’

NEW PRESSURE: Animal-rights groups are demanding Mayor Mamdani ban Central Park’s iconic horse-drawn carriages after the tragic death of passenger Romanch Mahajan this week.

AP Photo/Seth Wenig

More furor after latest tragedy

By DAVID PROPPER
and CRAIG McCARTHY

Animal-rights advocates urged Mayor Mamdani to unilaterally ban Central Park’s iconic horse carriages after a teen tourist’s tragic death — as the hansom cabbies’ union suspended passenger rides through Monday.

Carriage drivers will review procedures during the “safety stand-down” called by the Transport Workers Union of America Local 100 Friday, as opponents of the horse-drawn rides renewed calls to shut down the industry for good in light of 18-year-old Romanch Mahajan’s death.

“There must not be one more turn of a horse-drawn carriage wheel in New York City ever again,” Edita Birnkrant, head of New Yorkers for Clean, Livable, and Safe Streets (NYCLASS), told The Post on Friday.

“No amount of regulation or reform can eliminate the risk by a 2,000-pound animal hard-wired to flee when frightened from bolting and claiming another life,” she said.

‘Preventable’

“The operation of the carriages is currently under a self-imposed shutdown and Mayor Mamdani must make that shutdown permanent by executive order before another life is lost.”

The renewed push to stop the longtime tourist attraction in the Manhattan park comes after a carriage horse took off Wednesday with a family from India aboard and while the driver was out of the buggy to snap a photo of the tourists, law-enforcement sources have said.

Footage shows the animal race off and throw Mahajan to the ground before the buggy crashes.

PETA also called on the mayor to halt the green space’s 68 carriages through executive order while the City Council considers the passage of Ryder’s Law, which would ban those types of rides in Central Park.

“The fatal carriage incident this week — just one week after a horse named Deniz collapsed and died — was completely preventable, and is what happens when City Council sits on its hands and does nothing,” the organization said, referencing a carriage horse that died last week after eating a toxic plant in the park.

“They need to get these dangerous carriages off the streets.”

The Mamdani administration did not return a message seeking comment Friday. But the democratic socialist said on the campaign trail and since taking office in January that he supported a ban on the carriage rides, which have been around since the park opened in 1858.

‘Horrific’

The mayor said as recently as June 10 that he would work to “deliver a just transition that protects workers while ending horse-drawn carriages in Central Park once and for all.”

Council Speaker Julie Menin announced Friday she was scheduling a July 15 hearing about the law, named after Ryder, a horse who collapsed on the job in August 2022 and was later euthanized.

“The death of Romanch Mahajan was a horrific tragedy, and after a series of deeply troubling incidents, it is clear that the status quo is no longer acceptable,” the Upper East Side Democrat said in a statement to The Post.

The carriage driver involved in the tragedy, Ertan Gokdepe, had few words to offer outside his Queens home Friday afternoon.

“Rest in peace,” the distraught man softly said when asked if he had a message for the grieving family, who were said to have returned to India. Mahajan, his parents and his 11-year-old brother were in the Big Apple as part of their first trip the US.

“They are very devastated. Imagine they just come to visit and it’s their first time in America and they never expected that this is what they’re going to face,” Mahajan’s aunt, Sovia Thukral, told The Post on Friday.

Gun rap in T-Sq. mayhem

A teen was charged with attempted murder in a broad-daylight burst of gunfire that sent tourists scrambling in Times Square, cops said Friday — as sources revealed the frightening incident may have stemmed from a gang feud.

The 17-year-old boy was also charged with assault, criminal possession of a weapon and reckless endangerment in the 3:30 p.m. Thursday mayhem at West 44th Street and Broadway, police said.

Wild video showed at least two people in black clothing open fire with what appears to be handguns as they stepped into the tourist-packed intersection.

Nobody was struck by the gunfire during the shocking melee, but a bullet did hit a car, cops and witnesses said.

The young suspect, whose name wasn’t publicly released because he’s underage, was swiftly captured by cops after a brief foot pursuit, and a Glock pistol was recovered, law-enforcement sources said.

Investigators were probing whether the gunfire stemmed from a bitter gang rivalry, according to the sources.

Joe Marino and Amanda Woods

Gotta work LI protest

Hundreds of Long Island municipal workers were fuming Friday that they didn’t get Juneteenth off as a paid holiday while much of the rest of the state did.

They protested outside Nassau County Executive Bruce Blakeman’s office last week alongside Democratic members of the state Legislature to demand the local-government employer join the 60% of state counties that recognize Juneteenth.

Blakeman, who’s running to unseat Gov. Hochul, claimed his reasons for not giving county workers a paid day off was not about culture-war issues but finances.

Brandon Cruz

Bust in brutal subway shove

A maniac was busted Friday for randomly shoving a 64-year-old painter onto the subway tracks in Queens, leaving him “bathed” in his own blood, police said.

Terrell Jarrett, 37, is facing charges of attempted murder, assault and reckless endangerment for allegedly pushing Orlando Cabrera onto the railbed at the Parsons Boulevard F-train station on May 31, cops said.

Cabrera, 64, was waiting for a southbound F train around 5:30 a.m. heading to work when Jarrett allegedly muttered “Get out!” before launching the attack.

“This big guy had snuck up behind me and took me by surprise,” Cabrera told The Post in a Spanish-language interview shorty after the attack.

The victim sustained head and arm cuts.

“I was bathed in my own blood after what happened. Thank God two officers were on the train to help me and get the ambulance,” Cabrera said.

Jarrett has six priors for criminal trespassing and possession of a controlled substance, all within the last two years. He was collared at a Jamaica Dunkin’ Donuts that he frequents, police sources said.

The brute was most recently cuffed last January at the Broadway Junction station in Brooklyn, where officers found him sprawled in possession of a crack pipe.

Daniel Cody, Amanda Woods

ORLANDO CABRERA
Victimized by thug.

Benson and Alix's night out

Singer Benson Boone, 23, and influencer Alix Earle, 25, fuel relationship rumors by leaving Craig's restaurant in Los Angeles together before hopping in the "Beautiful Things" singer's car. He even opened the door for her.

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REMOTE BUT NO CONTROL

Woes of WFH jobs

By ANNA YOUNG

Remote workers are far more likely to get laid off than replaced by artificial intelligence — with the isolation also leaving home-based employees more vulnerable to mental-health issues, shocking new data shows.

A new Gallup poll of recently axed employees found that a whopping 25% were fully remote, while a measly 1% actually lost their jobs due to AI.

Despite widespread hysteria over AI-related job displacement, laid-off workers pointed to restructuring, budget cuts, economic conditions and lost business as the primary reasons for their job loss.

The poll also showed that overall layoffs have leveled off at 21% after nearly tripling between 2022 and 2025, signaling a cooling — but still tense — job market, with tech and federal government roles among the most exposed as hiring tightens across sectors.

Facing layoffs

Meanwhile, a new study published in Science this month found that remote workers account for a third of the decline in mental health between 2011 and 2024, with those living alone suffering the most.

Experts comparing post-pandemic data revealed that homebound workers are clocking an extra hour of isolation every single workday and cutting back on after-work socializing compared to regular commuters.

The hardest hit are those living alone, with a staggering 83% of solo remote employees going entire days with absolutely zero social contact, causing mental distress to skyrocket, the study showed.

Mental issues

Experts found that psychological turmoil spiked twice as fast among people living alone compared with those living with family. Similar increases were seen in depression rates, mental-health-care visits and antidepressant prescriptions.

Meanwhile, office-based workers saw no comparable rise in general doctor visits or non-mental-health prescriptions, suggesting the trend wasn't simply driven by easier access to care.

Researchers said the mental-health decline is tied to current remote-working arrangements and remains significant even after accounting for AI exposure and tracking the same individuals over time.

"The analyzed period saw a general increase in mental distress," the study said.

"Our analysis suggests that remote work accounts for roughly a third of that increase."

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Bam's faint praise for Bidens

Former President Barack Obama paid glowing tribute to predecessors George W. Bush and Bill Clinton and even their spouses in a public post Thursday — while leaving Joe and Jill Biden in the dust.

Obama's conspicuous separation of Bush and Clinton — two former presidents whom he battled politically in 2008 — from the Bidens in his appreciation post for attending the opening of his Barack Obama Presidential Center earlier in the day raised eyebrows.

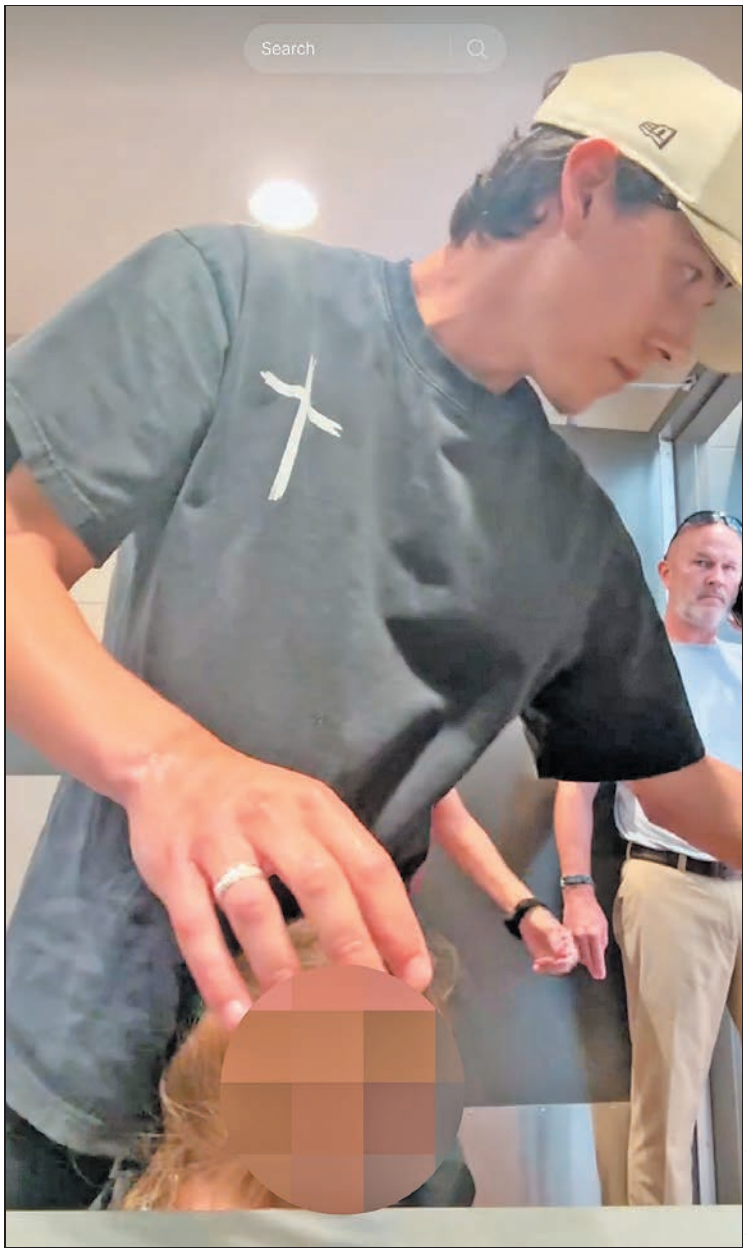
While the 44th president chose Biden to serve as his veep before Joe went on to succeed him as president, Obama then reportedly cast doubts on Biden's chances of winning re-election in 2024.

Ryan King

Flush with support in ladies room clash

Dad just helping his tots

By MARISSA MATOZZO



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POT STIRRER: While Tyler Brodsky (right) helped his daughters wash up in the women's room during a road-trip bathroom break, another man called the cops. Moms online say the protective father did nothing wrong.

A road-trip bathroom stop turned into a viral parenting showdown — complete with police, shouting and a wave of moms rushing to defend a dad who was just trying to help his daughters.

In a now-viral TikTok video posted this week, Tyler Brodsky is seen helping his young daughters wash their hands in a women's bathroom during a pit stop on a long drive from Florida back home to Oklahoma when things suddenly escalated.

"There is a man with his two little girls using the bathroom," a man who appears in the background of the video by the entrance to the public restroom is heard saying over the phone to cops. "He is washing his hands with his daughters right now."

One of Brodsky's young daughters is then seen crying and clinging to her father as the confrontation continues.

"It's all right, baby," he tells her, trying to calm her down as the man keeps objecting — saying his wife was trying to use the restroom with her ill mother when she spotted the father in there.

Brodsky defended himself in the caption of the viral clip: "The women's restroom was empty, so I took them in. I'd rather do that than bring two little girls into a men's bathroom full of grown men and dirty stalls.

"This guy comes barging in yelling, scares my daughters, and somehow thinks THEY should've been in the men's room instead," he continued. "Am I wrong here?"

The internet didn't hesitate to respond — and the loudest voice came from one corner in particular: moms, especially moms of young girls, who flooded the comments defending Brodsky and saying he did exactly what any parent would do in a no-win situation.

"As a girl mom, you did absolutely nothing wrong and even more kudos to you for keeping your cool," one commenter wrote.

'Awesome father'

Others piled on. One replied, "Your ability to remain calm for your girls is phenomenal."

The debate widened beyond just the video — with users zeroing in on the impossible choices parents face in public restrooms.

Another wrote, "I support that dad . . . I would never send them to the bathroom alone nor would I ever want my husband to take my girls into the men's room. This older guy is in the wrong."

Brodsky later said in a follow-up video that police arrived "very quickly" and stepped in to break up the confrontation.

"They were very professional, very nice. They pointed out that taking two little girls into the men's restroom could be viewed just as negatively as me being in the women's restroom with my girls," he continued.

Officers ultimately told him he did nothing wrong and comforted his daughters after the incident — however, they did eventually ask the man involved to leave the store.

In fact, the grumpy man seen confronting Brodsky was fired from his role at a Mississippi real-estate firm after the viral video spread online. Overstreet Properties confirmed it had cut ties with the independent contractor, saying: "The conduct depicted in the video does not reflect the values of Overstreet Properties or the standards we expect of those who represent our organization."

Zoe Lavely, the mother of the girls featured in Brodsky's TikTok video, broke her silence in a lengthy Facebook this week.

Lavely said Brodsky "handled the situation well," but accused him of exploiting their kids for attention. "Even though their dad handled the situation well, what everyone doesn't see is the fear a mother has seeing their kids exposed all over the media.

'Exploited my kids'

"I see my girls being capitalized for money," she wrote. "I see people offering money to a man that hasn't paid one penny to those girls just this year."

The Post could not verify those claims. Lavely was not immediately available for comment.

"I'm not going to get into a public back-and-forth with the mother of my children," Brodsky told The Post via email late Friday.

Big fat 'Greek' tax bill

This "Dimes Square" hot spot could use some change.

A popular see-and-be-seen restaurant in the Manhattan microhub was shut down this week for owing more than $1.3 million in taxes, records show.

A bright orange sign was plastered on the door of Kiki's Tuesday, announcing it had been seized by the state for failure to pay up — but the Greek eatery apparently continued to operate across the street.

The owners of the popular Division Street restaurant — frequented by the likes of Timothée Chalamet and fellow celebrities — apparently stopped paying their bills as far back as July 2024, records show.

There are 12 tax warrants open for Chinatown Greek Food Services, an LLC that includes Kiki's, totaling $1,064,793.25.

Owners Pavlos Sierros and Kiki Karamintzas also have balances for sales and personal income tax for a combined $317,290.

But a sign reassuring customers that the business was still "open across the street" was plastered on Kiki's front door next to the orange seizure placard from the state.

The Post could not reach Sierros for comment, but staff told Grub Street that Kiki's simply was "open."

Katherine Donlevy

A bad shot by Russia

An errant Russian defense missile mistakenly struck a major oil refinery in Moscow on Thursday, sending the site's massive roof hurtling in the air like a flying saucer, jaw-dropping footage shows.

The Russian missile was meant to take out a Ukrainian drone, but instead flew directly into the refinery's storage tank, causing a powerful blast that launched the tank's circular roof into the sky in a mushroom cloud.

The facility provides more than a third of the fuel used around the Moscow region and had previously been attacked Tuesday.

Patrick Reilly, Wires

TRUE CHAMPION

EMT is Knicks parade OD hero

By GREG CARLTON
and KATHERINE DONLEVY

The heroic EMT who rushed to save a suspected overdosing Knicks fan at the team's parade Thursday says the emergency is exactly what she was made for.

Simone Kelly, 24, of New Jersey told The Post on Friday that she has dreams of becoming an emergency psychiatrist with a focus on drug abuse and psychiatric concerns, making her the perfect person to jump into such situations.

Strangers have even recognized her ability thanks to the encounter, she said — offering to help her secure a spot in medical school.

"There have been people who are like, 'Hey, I know someone who works here,' or, 'My husband knows a friend,' " Kelly said from her Maplewood home.

"People are really going through the avenues to help me out.

"That's really the only thing that I need personally. With all this attention for something I did medically, let's get this to the platforms of people who can help me become a doctor!"

Kelly, a full-time student studying neuroscience at Drew University, was watching the Knicks parade down the Canyon of Heroes from her perch on a city Sanitation truck when the incident unraveled.

She and several other people rushed to the apparently ailing man's rescue and identified his shallow breathing and pinpoint pupils as telltale signs of an opioid overdose, she said.

Fortunately, someone in the crowd was carrying Narcan and tossed it to Kelly, who works 60 hours a month as a volunteer EMT. Incredible video of the rescue captured the ordeal, including the administering of the anti-overdose treatment and Kelly rapidly rubbing the man's chest to test his unresponsiveness.

Tried to kiss her

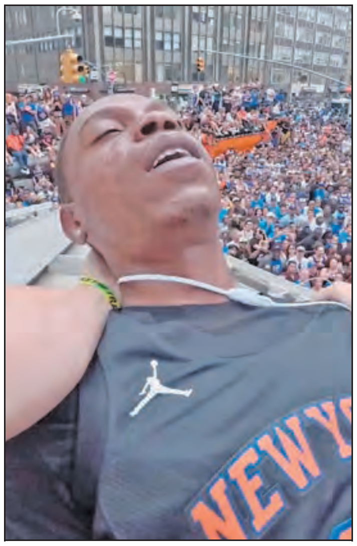
She even had to deal with the man jolting up at some point and grabbing her, making multiple attempts to plant a kiss on her face — a bizarre form of thanks she said she gets a lot while volunteering with New Jersey's South Orange Rescue Squad.

At first, she simply turned her face away but was then forced to push him off when he didn't give up.

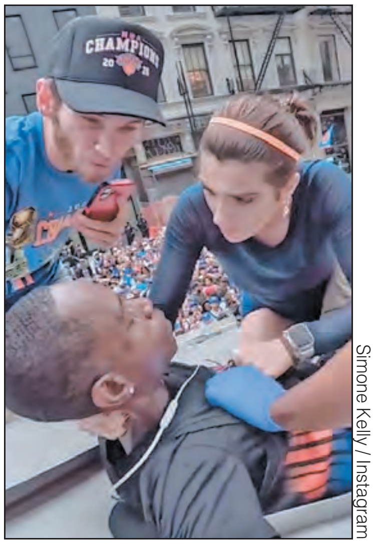
"I've had to deal with it more than I would like to in my profession," Kelly said.

"A lot of the time, I've had to swat the hand away or shut down a conversation that is not going in the direction I wanted it to go in. Or . . . someone trying to kiss me after I Narcan him.

"I have a shift tonight. I wouldn't be surprised if it happens again," she said.



INTO ACTION: Part-time EMT Simone Kelly, 24, of Maplewood, NJ, was watching the Knicks parade on Thursday when she identified and helped save a man having an apparent opioid overdose. Her heroism has friends and strangers wanting to pitch in to help send her to med school.



Simone Kelly / Instagram

In spite of the annoyance, Kelly said she doesn't hold anything against the man she helped Thursday.

Instead, she said she hopes the viral video can serve as a learning moment.

"I do not believe that addiction is a choice," said Kelly, pointing to groups such as OnPoint NYC as resources for drug addicts to turn to.

"That's where I want attention to be. Let's start having a more holistic conversation about addiction and substance abuse."

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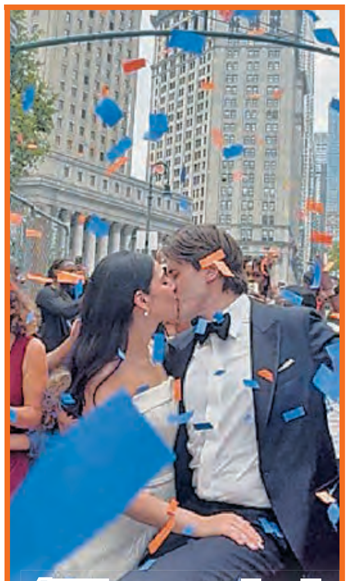

'They do' wed amid madness

Something old, something new — something orange, something blue.

A pair of lovebirds tied the knot at City Hall Thursday as the chaos and madness of the Knicks' historic ticker-tape parade swirled around them.

Jillian and Andrew Solomon (above) embraced the Knicks-sanity of their special day, which they initially had hoped to keep as a "very low-key celebration."

"Walking to the courthouse through thousands of Knicks fans is something we'll never forget. People were cheering, taking pictures of us, even helping us through the crowd," the bride, 27, told The Post Friday. "We love this city and the best people in the world are here."

The Knicks party and 2 million fans nearly derailed the Solomons' dream of a simple ceremony.

The Upper West Siders had booked their appointment in February — months before the Knicks kicked off their historic championship run.

Once at City Hall, Jillian and Andrew, 33, were given star-studded treatment.

Cops let them cut into the parade route hours after they began turning fans away. Knicks fans even moved out of the spots they showed up for at 4 a.m. The blue and orange confetti rained down on the couple after their nuptials.

Katherine Donlevy

Blaze at B'klyn church

An inferno engulfed a landmarked 173-year-old Brooklyn church on Friday — causing the steeple to collapse.

The massive blaze (pictured) erupted around 1:20 p.m. at South Bushwick Reformed Church on Bushwick Avenue, the FDNY said.

Video from the scene shows heavy smoke and fire billowing from the steeple.

Less than 20 minutes after the fast-moving fire erupted, a witness reported on X that the steeple of the house of worship "collapsed," calling the damage "a total loss."

By that time, the fire had drawn a three-alarm response — with 63 FDNY units, including 192 fire and EMS personnel responding to the scene, officials said.

The flames were mostly knocked down by around 3:35 p.m., according to the FDNY. The cause remains under investigation.

Amanda Woods

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COP SHOT IN ACTION

Hospitalized after standoff

By JOE MARINO, JORDAN DONEGAN, AMANDA WOODS and PATRICK REILLY

A veteran NYPD detective was shot and wounded Friday morning during a standoff with a gunman barricaded in his Brooklyn building following a feud with his elderly neighbors, according to police and sources.

Detective Matthew Gale, a 15-year veteran of the department's elite Emergency Service Unit, was shot in the leg by 48-year-old Lamin Simmons — before four officers returned fire, killing the gunman, authorities said.

"What happened this morning is a reminder that the men and women of the NYPD routinely place themselves between danger and the people they serve," Police Commissioner Jessica Tisch said.

"They enter situations that are uncertain, volatile and often life-threatening," she said. "This morning, Detective Gale put his life on the line doing exactly that."

'Multiple direct orders'

The standoff began around 5:45 a.m., when officers responded to calls of seven shots fired inside the two-story Bedford-Stuyvesant brownstone on Kosciusko Street, according to Tisch.

Officers heard even more gunfire coming from inside the residence and attempted to "make contact" with the occupant before they entered and found Simmons holding a gun, the top cop said.

The cops then had no choice but to step outside and call for additional help, she said.

Simmons' wife and son escaped from the home uninjured, but the elderly couple upstairs couldn't get out, according to Tisch.

The NYPD's ESU, Hostage Negotiation Team and other specialized units then responded, cops said.

Officers managed to contact the elderly couple and urged them to lock their bedroom door.

For two agonizing hours, both hostage negotiators and Simmons' family tried to make contact with him — until he began hurling a microwave, a lamp and kitchenwares out of a rear window, narrowly missing cops in the backyard, authorities said.

Drone footage captures him clutching a handgun in his left hand while moving around the apartment, police said. By around 9:50 a.m., ESU cops entered the home and found Simmons still armed with a gun on the top of the stairs, on the same floor as the elderly couple, according to Tisch.

"Officers gave multiple direct orders to drop the weapon, but he refused," the commissioner said. "The perpetrator fired at officers, striking one officer in the leg."

"Four officers returned fire, striking the perpetrator, who was transported to Woodhull Hospital, where he was pronounced deceased," she said.

Gale suffered a gunshot wound that caused a tibial fracture on his left leg and was being treated at the Kings County Hospital Center, authorities said.

Intern's pay-ask 'firing'

An unpaid City Council intern claimed she was axed after demanding she and her peers be paid $32 per hour — nearly twice the Big Apple's current minimum wage.

Mina Farahmand, a legislative intern for Manhattan Councilman Harvey Epstein's office, said she was fired Wednesday after she sent Council Speaker Julie Menin a petition signed by 32 of her peers seeking "a living wage," City & State reported.

"I got fired from @NYCCouncil for organizing as an unpaid intern yesterday after I sent a petition to the Speaker Tuesday to pay all interns," Farahmand said in an X post Thursday.

The petition called "for the creation of a dedicated fund to ensure all unpaid interns who work in council members' offices could be paid a living wage of $32 an hour," City & State reported in its newsletter, Heard About Town.

The city's hourly minimum wage is about half of that at $17 — though lefty council members earlier this year proposed increasing it to $30 an hour.

The union that represents council workers said it wanted a "fair and thorough review of the situation."

Hannah Fierick

Dad's Day at 911 desk

Suffolk County 911 operators scheduled to work on Father's Day will be treated to a special luncheon at their Yaphank operation center by Police Commissioner Kevin Catalina to recognize their tireless efforts, especially on holidays.

"People, I think fail to realize the stress that is involved in that profession, that job, and how professional they are," Catalina, who is also giving up his own family time Sunday to chow down with the civilian employees, told The Post. "They really are lifeline, and they couldn't be more important to us."

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Don's ex-crib gets new platform

THE mansion in Greenwich, Conn., that President **Trump** shared with his first wife, Ivana Trump, is set to be bulldozed.

The former couple bought the 19,786-square-foot Georgian on the Long Island Sound in the tony Connecticut town in 1982, shortly after the birth of their second child, **Ivanka**.

Ivana kept the 1939 home, which sits on 5.8 waterfront acres, after the couple's blockbuster 1990 split in the wake of Trump's infamous affair with **Marla Maples**.

Financier **Robert Steinberg** bought it in 1998 for $15 million. It had been on and off the market for several years before it was sold to a new owner in 2024 for $31.5 million. Now, the new owner plans to flatten the home.

According to documents submitted to the town's Planning & Zoning Commission, the new owner wants to put in an outdoor tennis court, outdoor swimming pool, a couple of auxiliary buildings, an indoor tennis court and a new main house.

According to local news site Patch, which was first to report the news, attorney **John Tesei**, who is representing the new owner, "explained in submitted documents the proposal calls for the combination of three lots into a single zoning lot, the removal of all existing structures, and a redevelopment of the property."

The new home is being designed by Robert A.M. Stern Architects, the famous firm that drew the Billionaires' Row supertall 220 Central Park South, the George W. Bush Presidential Center in Dallas and the Ocean Course Clubhouse at the Kiawah Island golf club in South Carolina, among many other buildings.

Ivana, who died in 2022, wrote about the property in her 2017 book, "Raising Trump," according to the Wall Street Journal. She wrote that she and Trump picked the place by flying around the area in a helicopter to survey estates.

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Pops' royal meetup

KING **Charles** III will reportedly spend time with his grandchildren during Prince **Harry** and **Meghan Markle**'s trip to the UK next month. An insider claimed there is "an agreement" for Charles to see Prince **Archie**, 7, and Princess **Lilibet**, 5, when Harry reunites with his dad after a yearslong estrangement, the US Sun reported yesterday. The outlet understands the reigning monarch, 77, is overjoyed to see his grandchildren, whose last visit to the UK was four years ago. While Harry and his kids are expected to pay Charles a visit, it is unclear if Markle will join in on the highly anticipated family reunion. Page Six has reached out to Buckingham Palace for comment.

Hammer's nails

ARMIE Hammer is comparing his exile from Hollywood to being crucified. (We don't think he meant it in a good way, but one never knows with Armie Hammer.) In a new interview with the Hollywood Reporter, the "Call Me by Your Name" star (above) said that amid his sexual misconduct scandal, his dad, Michael, "wanted to go on the offensive." The actor recalled, "I said, 'Look, dude, I'm already on the cross. The nails are in my hands. I'm not getting off this cross no matter what we do. And the more I struggle, the longer I'm going to be up here.'"

Obtained by Page SIx

Caught traveling! New York Knicks player Landry Shamet took the B train this week and received buckets of love from fans.

The place to 'B'

A sophisticated straphanger was slack-jawed to see a freshly crowned NBA champion, Knicks shooting guard **Landry Shamet**, casually riding the subway "like a normal dude" on Wednesday — the day before the city came to a standstill to fête him and his teammates in a ticker-tape parade. Fashion designer **Batsheva Hay** (equally casually, we must say) mentioned to us that she'd spotted Shamet going downtown on the B train, and she was so thrilled to see him that she even asked if she could snap a picture. Hay told us that — even though everyone in town had been watching him play in the NBA Finals on TV — she was the only person in the car to notice the fabulous fellow passenger. The design star congratulated him and told us he was "so nice." "From a born-and-bred New Yorker who's literally never seen a celeb on the train, a Knick riding the subway the day before the parade is such a power move," she said, adding, "Once I noticed him, other people started approaching him and he was sweet to everyone, taking pics with them and chatting."

Habit was a drag

KEITH Richards: model of restraint. We can add cigarettes to the impressive list of drugs that the Rolling Stones legend (above) has quit. Along with heroin in 1978, cocaine in 2006 and alcohol in 2018, the 82-year-old guitar god says he kicked tobacco six years ago. "Suddenly, I felt like after all these years of smoking — because, you know, a man smokes — I was sat around with this silly thing in my mouth thinking: how childish," Richards told the Guardian. "It was that that put me off more than anything, although I smoke a lot of weed." He also told the London paper that although it "might cross the mind" that the Stones' latest album, "Foreign Tongues," could be their last, "it's not something you dwell on."

It's all relative for Jolie's son

PAX Jolie-Pitt remains close with dad **Brad Pitt**'s family members, reports PageSix.com's **Sarah Jones**. "Pax still has a relationship with his dad's side of the family and continues to spend time with them," a source exclusively told us. "He recently joined his family as they went out to dinner and celebrated his cousin **Sydney**'s engagement to **Archimede Jerome**." According to the insider, Brad's sister, **Julie Pitt Neal**, also attended the gathering, along with his niece **Reagan Pitt** and numerous other close family members. Despite Pax's close relationship with his father's side of the family, he "doesn't have much of a relationship with Brad," a second source exclusively told Page Six. While Pax, 22, continues to spend time with his paternal relatives, several of his siblings have taken steps in recent years to distance themselves from Pitt, such as by dropping his surname. Pax's 21-year-old sister, **Zahara**, recently filed paperwork seeking to legally change her name from Zahara Jolie-Pitt to Zahara Jolie. And last month, Pax's older brother, **Maddox**, 24, also filed legal paperwork seeking to drop Pitt from his last name, citing personal reasons in court documents. Reps for Jolie and Pitt did not respond to Page Six's requests for comment.

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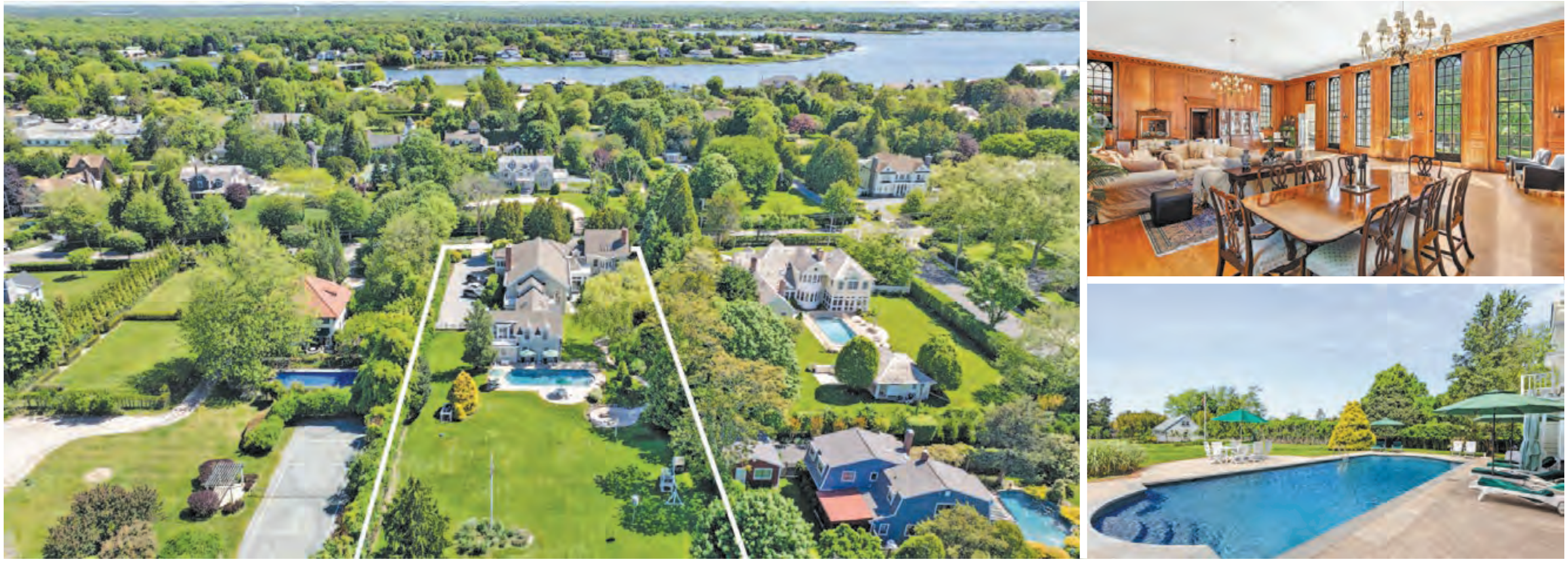

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While **Pete Davidson** faces the drudgery of dad duty on Thursday, throwing on some stained sweats and pushing 6-month-old daughter **Scottie** around New York City . . .

Post-parade 'hoopsla'

THEY'RE still going hard in the paint! The New York Knicks postgamed their NBA championship victory parade with an ultra-exclusive bash at members-only club Chez Margaux on Thursday, multiple sources confirmed to PageSix.com's **Leah Bitsky**. **Josh Hart**, **Karl-Anthony Towns**, **OG Anunoby**, **Miles McBride**, **Landry Shamet** and their teammates were spotted in a curtained-off VIP area of the Chelsea social club to mark the franchise's first NBA title in 53 years. "It was good celebration energy," one source shared, adding that they were "keeping the party going and everyone was in a great mood." Also spotted at the fête were **Cardi B**, **Teyana Taylor**, **Leon Bridges**, **Greta Gerwig**, **Shaboozey**, **Adrien Brody** and girlfriend **Georgina Chapman**, as well as comedians **Eric André**, **Shane Gillis** and **Michael Che**. A second source told us **Mark Ronson** was DJing. "[The Knicks] arrived around 10:30 p.m.," the second source said, adding that the party was hosted by Chez Margaux co-founders **Michael Cayre** and **Heather Kleisner**. "Cardi and Teyana came separately and were the last to arrive," the second source said, noting that they "danced together" and it was a "total vibe." We're told Hart was chill at a table in the back while Towns showcased high energy throughout the evening.

We hear

THAT "Summer House" star **Kyle Cooke** pokes fun at his chaotic dating life in a new ad for HubSpot . . . THAT **Jalen Brunson**'s favorite Veniero's cake will now be known as the Brunson NY Chocolate Cheesecake . . . THAT "Tell It to My Heart" singer **Taylor Dayne** has opened the waterfront restaurant Saylor Beach House in Greenport, LI.

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. . . his ex **Elsie Hewitt** — with whom he's feuding over custody — has other things keeping her busy, such as getting a good tan sesh in.

Elsie Hewitt/Instagram

Sixpence bassist dies after stroke

JUSTIN Cary, the bassist of Sixpence None the Richer, has died. He was 50. The musician "passed peacefully" on Thursday after suffering from a "serious stroke" one week prior, according to a GoFundMe. The statement revealed that his wife, **Linda**, was by his side at the time of his death and asked fans to "please continue to pray and give strength during this very difficult time." Cary was rushed to Albany Medical Center in New York on June 11 and underwent two surgeries. As of Thursday evening, more than 370 people had donated to the GoFundMe, raising more than $38,000. Sixpence None the Richer formed in 1992. Cary joined five years later with vocalist **Leigh Nash**, guitarist and songwriter **Matt Slocum**, drummer **Dale Baker** and guitarist **Tess Wiley**. Other members include keyboardist **Jason Lehning** and percussionist **Steve Hindalong**. The group's greatest hits include "Kiss Me" and "There She Goes."

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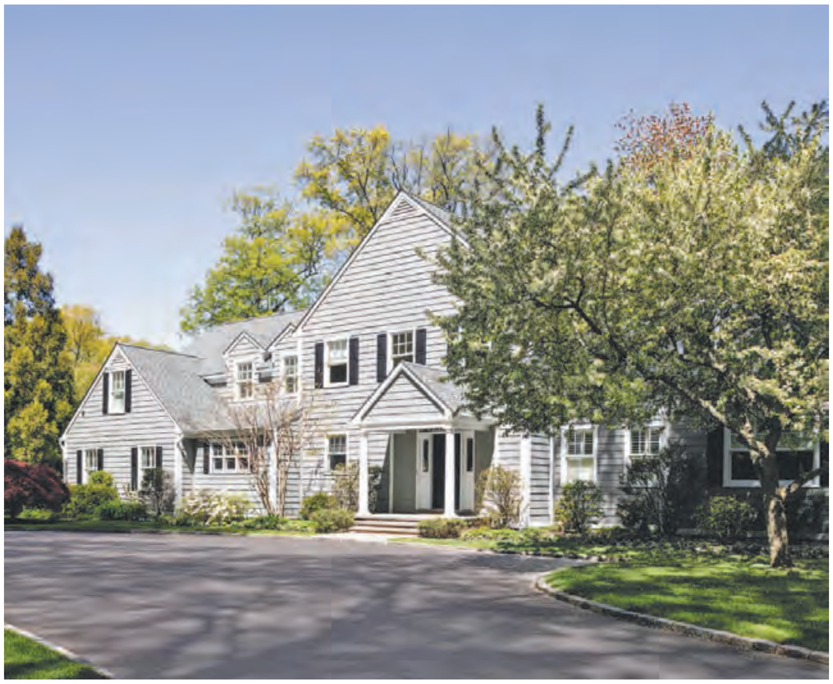

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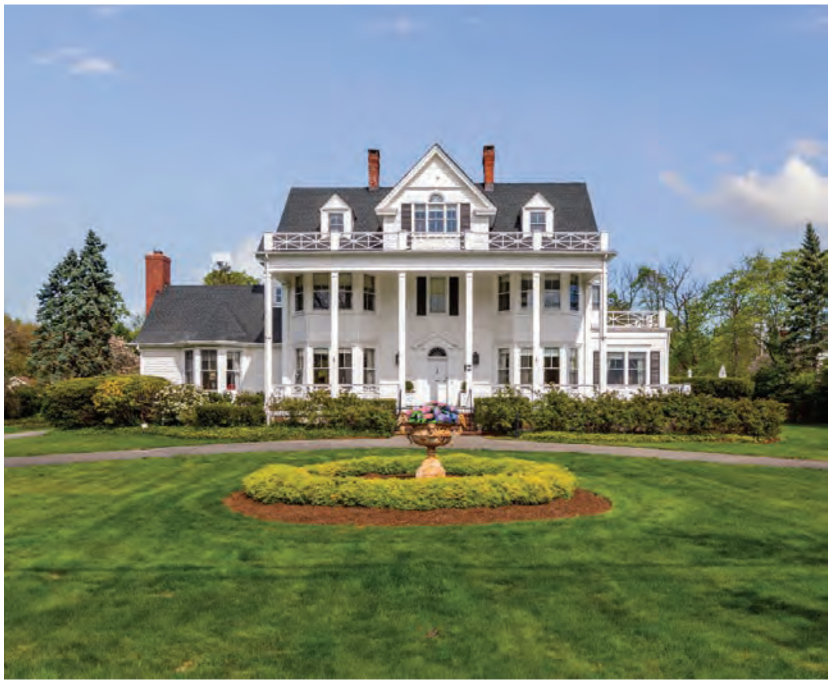

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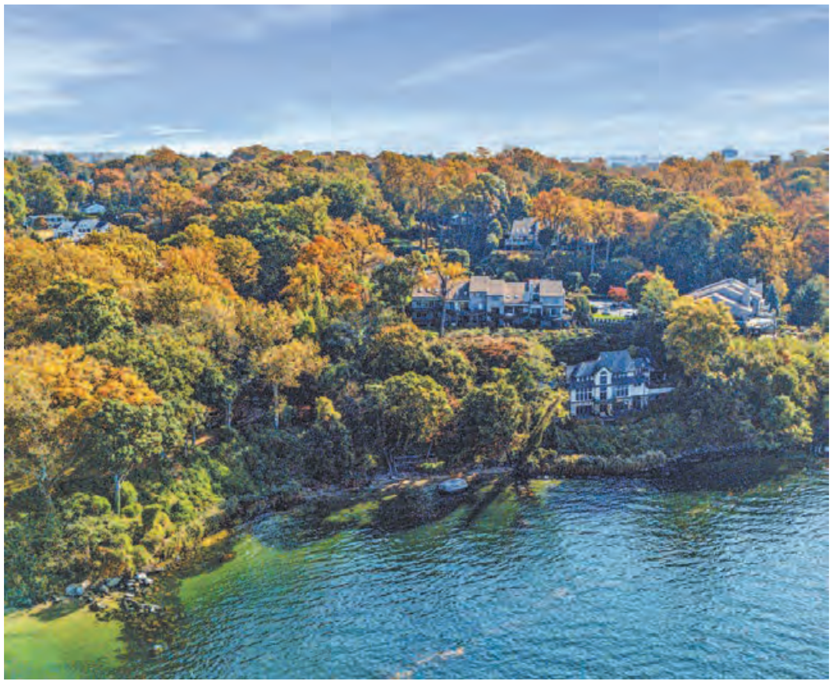

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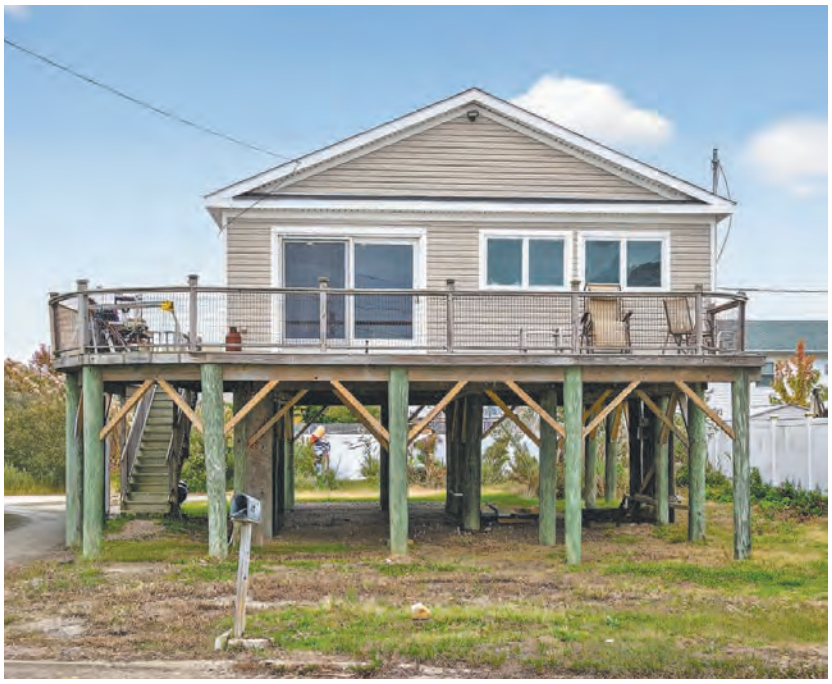

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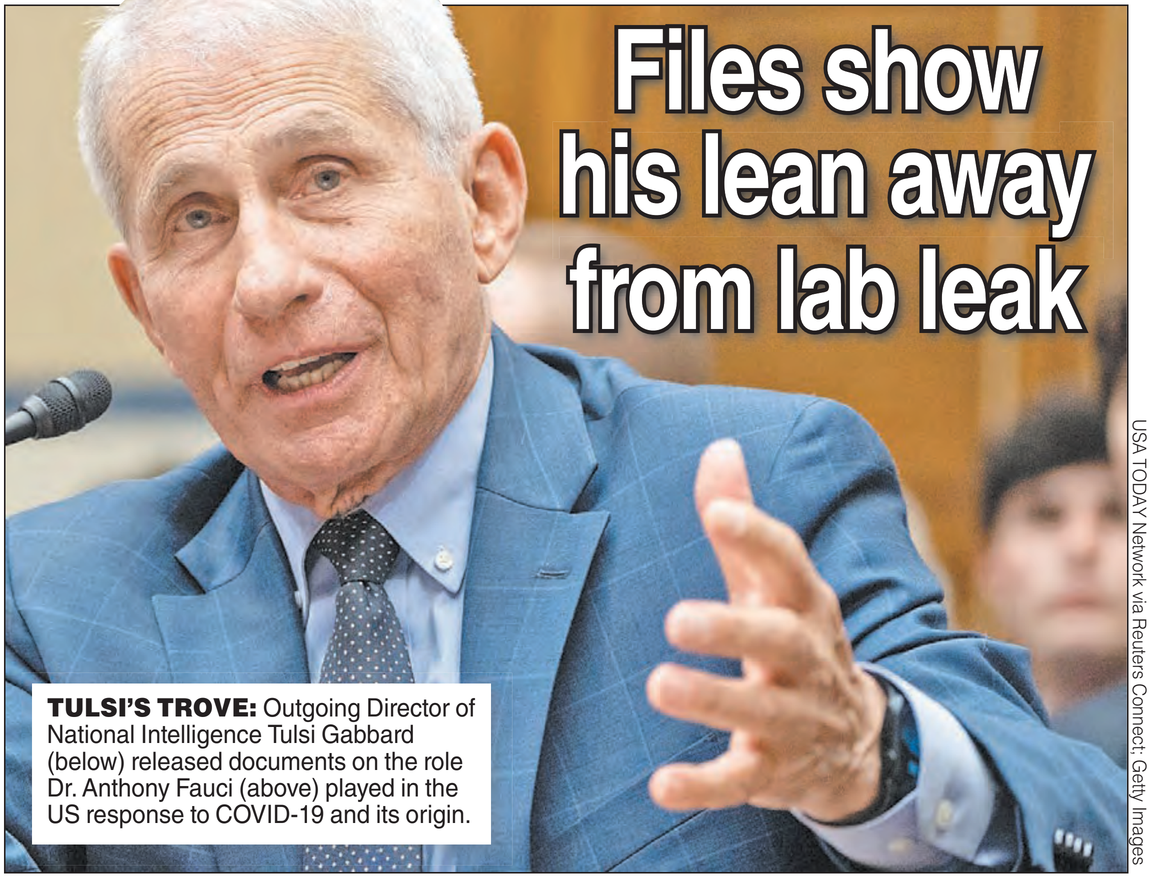
Fauci's COVID focus



Files show his lean away from lab leak

TULSI'S TROVE: Outgoing Director of National Intelligence Tulsi Gabbard (below) released documents on the role Dr. Anthony Fauci (above) played in the US response to COVID-19 and its origin.

USA TODAY Network via Reuters Connect; Getty Images

By RYAN KING
and STEVEN NELSON

WASHINGTON — Outgoing Director of National Intelligence Tulsi Gabbard released a trove of files Friday detailing Dr. Anthony Fauci's role in the COVID-19 pandemic — showing that officials protected him from a whistleblower complaint alleging he lied to Congress about "gain of function" research after he suggested pangolins were to blame for the outbreak that killed millions.

Fauci, the documents show, met with a group of CIA officials on June 4, 2021, weeks after his fiery May 11 denial to Congress that he funded risky research into coronaviruses in the same Chinese city where the pandemic began.

While briefing the CIA, Fauci "keyed in on specifics" about the Wuhan Institute of Virology's (WIV) experiments on pangolin samples, according to a summary report.

"Dr. Fauci was particularly interested in the WIV's work on pangolins and asked for specifics on the type of experiments the Chinese were conducting on pangolin samples in the fall of 2019," the recap says.

Another document said of the meeting that Fauci gave the impression that he was "presumably not tracking" the pangolin research.

No alarms raised

It does not describe Fauci raising any alarms about research that he was funding at the same lab in Wuhan — including work by the nonprofit EcoHealth Alliance that modified at least three bat coronaviruses and found they became much more infectious when human-type receptors were added.

The Gabbard-released files do not appear to expand on what is known about Fauci's funding for the Wuhan lab.

The release comes just over a month after Fauci survived the five-year deadline for criminal charges to be filed against him for allegedly lying to Congress — though Justice Department officials are still considering how he might be punished for his role in the alleged coverup.

Significantly, the documents make clear the CIA was aware that WIV staff had become ill in late 2019 before the virus swept the globe.

While meeting with the CIA, Fauci "highlighted the importance of getting samples from the individuals at WIV who were ill in the fall of 2019" — but pivoted away from the now-dominant lab leak theory to focus on a wet market in Wuhan where some early cases emerged.

Gabbard leaving

"Dr. Fauci expressed concern about Beijing's quick and thorough cleaning of the Huanan Seafood Market. He noted that Beijing may have made a serious epidemiological misstep that could have destroyed key clues as to how the pandemic began," a writeup says.

Not long after Fauci met with the CIA, the Office of the Director of National Intelligence received a whistleblower complaint alleging that the country's top infectious disease official lied to Congress about "gain of function" — a crime punishable by up to five years in prison.

Gabbard wrapped up her last day as director of national intelligence Thursday, teeing up Bill Pulte to come in as acting director.

Many of the documents in question include assessments from Sen. Rand Paul (R-Ky.) and other GOP critics of the former National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases director.

The files show how Fauci advised the Weapons & Counterproliferation Mission Center and other intelligence teams on the COVID-19 respiratory illness.

'Ghislaine' townhouse sells for $16.5M

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The Manhattan townhouse where Ghislaine Maxwell once hosted champagne-soaked dinner parties and charity galas for New York's elite has quietly sold for $16.5 million.

The five-story Beaux-Arts limestone and brick residence (photo) on 116 E. 65th Street, where the former socialite lived for roughly 16 years before her 2020 arrest, traded hands Tuesday, according to property records.

An LLC that picked up the property in 2022 for $16 million sold it to a trust, according to Mansion Global, and the listing was handled by Sabrina Saltiel of Douglas Elliman.

Neither party responded to The Post's request for comment.

Maxwell, now 64, is serving a 20-year federal prison sentence for her role in Jeffrey Epstein's decade-long sexual abuse and trafficking of underage girls, Epstein died by suicide in a Manhattan jail in 2019 while awaiting trial.

Maxwell sold the property in 2016 to Manhattan real estate developer Frederick Rudd for $15 million, well below its then-asking price.

Mary K. Jacob

FAIZON LOVE
Child-support woe.

It's just his luck actor in court

"Just My Luck" actor Faizon Love made his first appearance in a Florida courtroom Friday after being busted on an outstanding warrant.

Love, 58, wearing a red prison jumpsuit and shackled at the wrists, was brought into the Hillsborough County courtroom in a wheelchair Friday for his initial appearance.

He's facing two contempt of court charges stemming from a child support case, according to TMZ, which reported his ex, Tiffany Lee, claims he's $250,000 in arrears.

Lee's lawyer argued Love ignored multiple court orders and hasn't made the court-mandated $2,500 per month child support payments in years.

The "Couple's Retreat" star has claimed he didn't earn a single cent in 2025 and that his highest gross income over the last five years was just $13,000, the outlet reported.

His lawyers said the actor has difficulty making ends meet — he has no home, drives a 1999 car and has been forced to depend on friends to help cover expenses.

Appearing on a video call during the proceedings, Lee claimed Love "specifically told me that I wasn't going to get a dime" and said he was going to stop working and cancel shows to deprive her of the money.

The judge gave Love until July 1 to put a statement together to prove he can't afford the payments, according to 10 Tampa Bay News.

Love has appeared in dozens of movies including "The Replacements" and "Elf."

Chris Nesi

Karmelo on vid: 'I did it!'

Convicted killer Karmelo Anthony wept and appeared to confess to fatally stabbing Texas teen Austin Metcalf moments after the attack — tearfully telling police "I'm not 'alleged.' I did it," according to newly released bodycam footage.

The dramatic video, released by Collin County Friday as part of the evidence admitted during Anthony's murder trial, shows the then-17-year-old being detained near the scene of the fatal stabbing at a high school track meet in Frisco.

As a school resource officer radios dispatch that he has the "alleged suspect" in custody, Anthony can be heard responding: "I'm not alleged. I did it."

Anthony then appears to justify his actions, telling officers that Metcalf had put his hands on him after being warned not to.

"I'm not alleged. I did it. He put his hands on me. I told him not to. He put his hands on me," a tearful Anthony pleaded.

The footage shows Anthony emotional as officers place him in handcuffs and escort him from the scene. "Am I going to be OK?" he asked the arresting officer.

Priscilla DeGregory and Ariel Zilber

Cena's 'rassle dazzle'

Pro wrestler-turned-movie star John Cena is lookin' — let's just say OK — but wife Shay Shariatzadeh is simply dazzling at the Manhattan premiere of his Netflix comedy flick "Little Brother." Brainiac Shay's an engineer who tied the knot with John in 2020.

AP Photo/Andy Kropa

M&M's DYE IS CAST

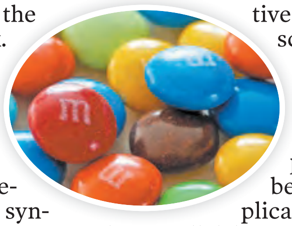
Nixing 2 colors

By KYRA BRESLIN

M&M's are entering their Make America Healthy Again era.

But as a result, two historic colors may end up in the can.

As the iconic candy marks its 85th year this summer, M&M's will debut a natural version. And while the brand can figure out how to make red, orange, and yellow M&M's using non-artificial ingredients like beets and turmeric, blue and brown are on the chopping block.



As pressure mounts from Health Secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr.'s MAHA movement to ditch synthetic food colorings, candy giant Mars is spending millions of dollars to reinvent one of America's most recognizable treats.

But replacing the bright blue shell that has been part of M&M's rainbow since 1995 has turned into a surprisingly sticky problem.

The culprit is spirulina, the high-protein ingredient often touted as a superfood, which is apparently gumming up the machines at the Mars facility that produces 600 million M&M's every day.

Substitute found

According to a Wall Street Journal report, Mars selected spirulina as the best natural substitute for the artificial dye Blue 1.

But the algae-based ingredient requires roughly seven times as much pigment to achieve that M&M "cerulean" hue and ends up creating a thick, foamy mixture that leaves an unwanted plaque, much like what you try to avoid after eating candy.

The coated remnants are said to cause a buildup in pipes and, eventually, mold, which poses a food-safety hazard.

Experimenting

"It's the hardest thing I've had to do in my career," Claire Hewitt, the Mars executive overseeing the multimillion-dollar initiative and self-described "chief color officer," told the Journal.

The blue problem has become so complicated that Mars will debut naturally colored M&M's in August without two of its classic shades, because brown also relies heavily on blue coloring.

The candy will include red, yellow, orange and green — which also uses spirulina, but far less.

The company experimented with other options, including purple and pink, but executives decided neither looked right.

More than 100 employees have worked on the project across Mars facilities, experimenting with just how to crack the coloring code. But the task would come with an expensive overhaul.

Naturally colored M&M's will initially be sold exclusively through Amazon, while the traditional artificially colored version isn't going anywhere for now.

The ultimate goal is to recreate all six classic M&M colors using natural ingredients by 2028.

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Peril of Luigi's 'psych defense'

Luigi Mangione may have scrapped his "psychiatric defense" for his state murder trial because the legal gambit could have come back to bite him, legal eagles told The Post on Friday.

Lawyers for the accused killer may have gotten cold feet after just one day and made the sensational about-face because they thought the defense could kneecap his separate federal case, according to lawyers not tied to the case.

There also could be something in Mangione's medical records that he and/or his lawyers did not want to surface at trial, or it could have been a sudden decision made by Mangione himself — because he doesn't want to be labeled mental, the experts said.

Either way, the sudden switch-up "certainly increases the likelihood that Mangione will testify at his own trial to talk about his hatred and bitterness toward the health-insurance industry," said Ron Kuby, a prominent Big Apple lawyer who has defended psychiatric cases in the past.

Mangione had planned to claim he was overtaken by an "extreme emotional disturbance" when he allegedly executed UnitedHealthcare CEO Brian Thompson on a Midtown sidewalk in December 2024, the judge in his case revealed this week.

Mangione has pleaded not guilty in both his state and federal cases.

Ben Kochman

WASTE TO TASTE

'Freegans' reclaiming tossed food

stefano Giovannini for NY Post

NIGHT'S HAUL: Janet Kalish shows produce and bread that was recovered one night from dumpsters outside stores near the Queensboro Bridge.

By BEN COST

One person's trash is another's treasure.

It's 9:30 pm on a Tuesday outside an undisclosed supermarket on the border of Sutton Place, where a group of "Freegans" has gathered for a biweekly "trash tour" to dumpster dive for salvageable food and other goods.

Clad in masks and gloves, these urban foragers — who encompass multiple boroughs, vocations and age ranges from 20s to 60s — scavenge the cans in hopes of getting their landfill.

One dumpster diver salvages immaculate packages of organic guacamole.

Another garbage gourmand rescues loaves of unblemished sliced bread.

Others score grocery-grade packets of salmon, a farmer's market's worth of produce, and several quarts of heavy cream that can retail for up to $10 a pop.

Expedition leader Janet Kalish, 63, lamented, "I'm sure I missed a lot and eggs and mushrooms."

"I got a bunch of blood oranges here," added Cindy Rosin, who advised garbage gatherers to sniff the perishables upon opening to ensure they're safe to eat.

Short opening

These "canned good collectors" work fast, given the brief window between when the trash is put out from the fancy supermarkets and when it is picked up. On the plus side, this increases the likelihood that their bin banquet is fresh.

"Stores might put it out at 9:00 p.m. for the trucks to come at 11:00," Kalish, who has memorized the pickup times at her various dumpster diving hotspots, told The Post. "It's not like it's sitting there wafting odors."

Kalish has dedicated her life to spreading the message of the NYC Freegans, a grassroots organization whose members seek to minimize waste by recovering and redistributing discarded goods.

They spread the gospel via free "trash tours" that people can sign up for on Meetup and encompass nearly every borough save for the Bronx and Staten Island.

Dive spots are selected through trial and error based on factors such as location, trash accessibility, and the quality and variety of the discarded goods, with larger supermarkets proving especially fruitful.

'My food comes free'

A former teacher for 29 years, Kalish attended her first Freegan meetup in 2004 after hearing that people were saving big by finding free food. Initially skeptical, the dumpster dive instructor was hooked after joining a trash tour.

Now, Kalish estimates that she was able to retire early without suffering "financial hardship" in part because she supplements over 90% of her diet with salvaged goods.

"I don't spend much money," Kalish told The Post. "My food comes free."

Kalish claims many people practice Freeganism as a "viable way to save themselves from debt" and "to survive in New York City." It's typically legal, so long as the dumpster diver does not trespass or make a mess.

She's also appalled at the waste.

"The food is thrown out because our system is flawed and it's inherent in our system to waste this kind of food, this quantity," the trash-tivist told The Post. "And this is just one store on one night and if you think of all of the thousands of stores in the city and how much is getting wasted, not just this city, but this country."

Pataki's Ukraine football fest

Former Gov. George Pataki is scoring with war-weary Ukrainian youth by promoting peace using a surprising tactic — football.

The ex-New York gov — a longtime supporter of Ukraine in its war against Russian invaders — and his Pataki Center is helping to organize a third straight year of "Football for Freedom," an uplifting, unifying event set for June 23 in Vinnytsia.

As part of the day, more than 12 local grid teams will play in a friendly tournament, with the winner even landing a piece of New York-centric instant Americana — a football signed by Giants quarterback Jaxson Dart.

Pataki said he's been to Ukraine more than a dozen times.

Next week's gathering will host more than 300 Ukrainian children and offer them opportunities for mentorship and leadership workshops, as well as clinics and cultural exchanges.

Xavier Serrano

Old judges lose on 'age bias'

New York judges will still be booted from the bench at age 76, the state's highest court ruled Thursday, rejecting the notion that it constitutes age discrimination.

The Court of Appeals shot down a bid by three elderly jurists challenging an 1869 law that sets the mandatory retirement age at 76, saying it violates their rights under the state's Equal Rights Amendment.

Judges are forced to "retire" at age 70 but can stay on the bench for another six years by getting recertified every two years.

New York's constitution originally required judges to retire at 60 when it was enacted in 1777.

The septuagenarian judges who fought against the age cap argued they are "arbitrarily" forced to stop working based solely on their age.

Chief Judge Rowan Wilson and Judge Madeline Singas "took no part" in the decision. *Peter Senzamici and Vaughn Golden*

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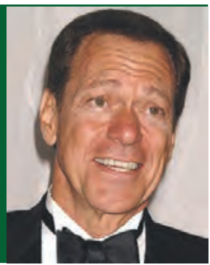

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MS NOW: 'Hanks' a lot, Tom!

Oscar-winning actor Tom Hanks took a jab at MS NOW's ratings while he appeared live on the network Thursday.

Hanks was spotted at the opening celebration of the Obama Presidential Center in Chicago, where MS NOW correspondent Jacob Soboroff asked if the "Forrest Gump" star had a moment to talk.

"What can I do for the 800 people watching MS NOW?" Hanks quipped in the now-viral exchange.

Hanks doubled down on his comment as Soboroff appeared taken aback and laughed off the remark.

"All right, add a zero if you need to," Hanks said.

"I would say millions now that you're on our air," Soboroff responded.

After the pair discussed Barack Obama's new presidential library, Soboroff thanked Hanks for "adding the zero to our ratings today."

"I gotta tell ya, I can hear the clicks happening before my very eyes," Hanks responded before walking away.

Hanks' joke exaggerated the network's audience. MS NOW averaged 691,000 total-day viewers and 1.1 million primetime viewers during the first quarter of 2026. *Adam Silverstein*

LI fun ride stuck midair

A popular ride at Long Island's Adventureland malfunctioned on Friday night, leaving more than a dozen young thrill-seekers dangling in midair for hours.

The panic began around 7:30 p.m. when the amusement park's "Wave Twister" attraction ground to a sudden halt, trapping the riders a dizzying 75 feet above the ground, according to FOX5.

The East Farmingdale Fire Department and other responders from around the area rushed to the scene and evacuated the park. All 16 riders — ranging in age from 5 to 40 — were rescued, police told Greater Long Island.

The "Wave Twister" is part of a $10 million redevelopment. *Daniel Cody*

Paul Mitchell big credits his ma

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"Mom said, 'Let's put all of our money together. I'm gonna show you something.' We had 27 cents."

—John Paul DeJoria

American Dreamers

Through July 4, The Post, in conjunction with the Milken Center for Advancing the American Dream, is featuring US citizens explaining what the American dream means to them in 2026 — including John Paul DeJoria, co-founder of the Paul Mitchell line of hair products and the Patrón Spirits Company.

MY mother came over on a boat from Greece looking for the American dream. She was very, very young when she came here [and] they told her the streets would be paved in gold . . . she found out they weren't when she got here.

She was married to my father — unfortunately, he turned out to be a deadbeat dad. By the time I was around 5 years old, my mother had some medical challenges. So, for about five years, my brother and I were in foster care in East LA. But we were some of the lucky ones because we got to see our mom on the weekend.

Unfortunately, others in the foster home weren't in the same situation. No one ever visited them. My mom was so big[-hearted] that she would invite any kid who wanted to come with us on the holidays to come on over. We had a great mom. She would always tell my brother and I, "No matter what, you can do it, boys" . . . And, by gosh, we sure did.

'We're gonna make it'

We had no money, no money at all. But we didn't know it. We didn't have a television set, we didn't have newspapers to read. [But] we thought we had everything. And my mom was the greatest mom.

We went back home about when I was 9 ½ years old.

She finally bought a little teeny house for us to live in. And, one weekend on a Friday, mom said, "Let's put all of our money together. I'm gonna show you something." We had 27 cents. I'll never forget that. Between all of us together, we had 27 cents.

And mom said to us, "Boys, what is rich? We're very rich because we're happy and we're all healthy. We have 27 cents. But in our little teeny garden, we have vegetables growing. We have water. Our bills are paid up to date, and we have things. We're gonna make it through the week and into next week."

The American Dream Video Project showcases real stories that illuminate pathways to opportunity. Featured at the Milken Center for Advancing the American Dream (MCAAD), this series is part of the Center's celebration of America's 250th anniversary. For more information, visit mcaad.org.

Hero ma dies rescuing stranger's kid

A heroic single mother of three died saving a stranger's child from drowning, according to police.

Sarah Jo Reeder, 42, was visiting Phil Moore Park in Alvaton, Ky., with her children when she saw a little boy struggling in a creek last week and immediately jumped in the water to rescue him, WBKO TV reported.

A paddleboarder pulled the pair out of the water and performed lifesaving measures on Reeder as emergency services rushed to the scene.

She was taken to a local hospital where she was pronounced dead hours later from lack of oxygen in her brain.

The young boy survived thanks to her heroism.

"If I could turn back the hands of time I would, I would tell her she needs to quit being a super woman," Ashley Flowers, Reeder's best friend, told WNKY TV.

Flowers said Reeder, from Bowling Green, would "run into a burning building to go after whoever . . . even a cat."

"It's just her automatic instinct is to help another person out, like to do whatever needs to be done to get the situation fixed or to handle it. And so that was not out of line for her whatsoever," Flowers told WBKO. *Patrick Reilly*

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The SPLC's Twisted Racket

As if the Southern Poverty Law Center wasn't already looking like a menace instead of a respected civil-rights outfit, now comes evidence that one of its top execs was sending donor cash to the white supremacist she was shacked up with.

To be fair, it's long been obvious that the SPLC is a racket exploiting liberals (especially in the media) desperate for right-wing threats to condemn; the nonprofit raked in billions over the decades to support its (shoddy) research, including a "hate map" and database on supposed hate groups.

Now it stands charged with funneling funds to members of the Ku Klux Klan, neo-Nazis and other outfits it was raising cash to fight. Its officers insist the payments were to "informants," but the feds now say the "Director of the SPLC's Intelligence Project" was "in a romantic relationship" with a member of the National Alliance — a white supremacist outfit — to whom she helped funnel $1.2 million in donor money.

Ick.

They allegedly even had a joint bank account to cover living expenses, so she profited from the payouts.

Per the SPLC's own *defense* of its "informant" payoffs, the racist Romeo would raise money, induct new recruits and conduct "extremist activities" for the National Alliance, while copying documents to feed to his honeybunch handler, who then published SPLC reports on the inner workings of the hate group. When the Alliance went on a leak hunt, the SPLC paid *another* informant to take the heat: How many of the haters *weren't* on its payroll?

Yes, law-enforcement agencies sometimes use paid informants to help build criminal cases, but the SPLC is no such thing, and "sleeping with the enemy" is pretty much as compromised as any crusader can get.

What an embarrassment that the FBI and state law-enforcement agencies treated this outfit as a reliable source of information.

Again, that served the progressive cause, as the SPLC dutifully listed anodyne outfits like Moms for Liberty as extremists. Such agitprop had ugly consequences: One lefty terrorist, relying on the SPLC database, in 2012 invaded the headquarters of the social-conservative Family Research Council looking to murder as many workers as possible, and actually shot a security guard.

There really are racists and Nazis in America, but the SPLC turned fighting them into a racket.

Beware: This is far from the only bunch of moralizers — all across the political spectrum — who are in bed with the evils they claim to combat.

Make the Butchers Pay

Good news: The Federal Trade Commission and four states are suing the World Professional Association for Transgender Health, which sold the world a pack of harmful lies about "gender-affirming care."

The suit aims to make WPATH, whose members it claims profit from the surgeries and drugs it praises, pay for the devastation its recommendations have wrought.

For years, health authorities around the world considered WPATH's Standards of Care to be the gold standard of recommendations for treating gender-related distress, a leap of faith-thinking-it-was-science that led to thousands of prepubescents going on life-changing puberty-blocker meds. And some (all too many) actually underwent mutilation under the guise of sex-change surgery.

But these guidelines were never driven by science: It was some mix of ideology and profit motive, aided by professional-advocate types seeking a new cause after gay marriage had won widespread acceptance.

Leaked documents years ago exposed how WPATH even dropped its recommended age minimums for surgery for fear they would serve as fodder for those seeking to regulate "gender-affirming care."

Meanwhile, independent medical researchers debunked WPATH's claims in one country after another — even as the Biden administration under Health Secretary Xavier Becerra (now running to be California gov) stood by the baneful pseudo-science and even *encouraged* WPATH's lunacy.

Team Trump began reversing those policies once it took over, and is cracking down on hospitals and clinics *still* pushing these horrors, but those mutilated and maimed at WPATH's behest deserve justice.

Meanwhile, individual lawsuits are targeting individual mal-practitioners; let us pray all the ghouls are forced to pay up.

Yet many politicians still push these lies, such as New York Attorney General Tish James: Will they ever suffer for it?

In Washington, most Democrats won't even support the Protect Kids Act, which simply requires schools to get an explicit parental OK before socially transitioning children.

America has a long way to go before this madness ends; let's hope the FTC suit gets us closer to that day.

Putin Can't Protect Moscow

"Russia's air defenses are simply not fit for purpose, that's very clear. . . . They are not equipped to detect, track and engage this kind of attack, and barring some massive redesign of the Russian air defense system, that will remain the case."

— military analyst Thomas Withington of the Royal United Services Institute, to CNN, on Thursday's Ukrainian drone assault on Moscow

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Art of the *Terrible* Deal: Trump's Bargain With Iran

THE ISSUE: Various concessions to the Iranian regime made in President Trump's 14-point peace deal.

•President Trump's Iran deal appears to be an Obama redux ("For Tehran, with love," June 17).

Even though Israel did the heavy lifting in taking out top regime figures, the president dropped the ball in not following up and destroying the rest of the drone and missile factories.

Without the regime change that the people thought would be delivered, nothing changes. They were sadly mistaken in believing Trump.

David Obremski
Wayne, NJ

•The Iranian people weren't let down by the United States. The United States, along with Israel, did everything that it set out to do: It took out the missile launch sites, Iran's navy, its leadership and nuclear capabilities.

It's now time for the Iranian people to rise up and take their country back.

Dan Gardner
Staten Island

•Iran is getting its frozen assets back. Their leadership, the same leadership our own president labeled "bad people" who "must go," remains firmly in power. No regime change. No surrender.

We poured billions into this effort that could have transformed our own society. Instead, we spent it on a "war" that ended with Iran's government untouched and its nuclear ambitions still alive.

If this is what victory looks like, then the bar has been set so low it's underground.

Alan Swartz, Verona, NJ

President Trump

•It seems to me that The Post is using inappropriate and false statements from unreliable sources to downgrade Trump's efforts to force Iran to reverse its policies and become a country of peace.

I'm sure that Iran will not get any cash or relief from sanctions until they prove that they're sincere in following the final agreements. If not, then, as Trump says, we will bomb the hell out of them.

Richard Ketay
Newark, NJ

•Has Trump gone soft? Has he succumbed to accepting an ephemeral deal with Iran, for the sake of "trumpeting" a "deal" before the upcoming elections?

The president's done so much good, it's sad to see him squander it for what appears to be a specious "deal" with our and Israel's No. 1 one sworn enemy.

Jack Weinberg
Manhattan

•The agreement with Iran is the worst deal Trump could have made. Each point favors Iran, allowing it to buy time with further negotiations.

The people of Iran are the true victims, and Israel should prepare for a tough road ahead.

Ezra Ini, Queens

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Teen's Slay Was Not About Race

THE ISSUE: Identity politics surrounding Karmelo Anthony's 35-year prison sentence for murder.

•After hearing Rep Jasmine Crockett fueling racial tensions regarding the killing of Austin Metcalf, one wonders if any other African American leaders can speak candidly about what happened ("Stab-slay jury nailed it: judge," June 16).

If one wants to heal race relations, an honest appraisal of this senseless killing is a good place to begin. Time to put away the race card.

Peter Cooper
Bronxville

•People who posted edited photos of themselves urinating on the grave of murder victim Austin Metcalf are not trolls, they are something much worse. They're ignorant, misguided people whose minds have been so poisoned that they have lost the ability to evaluate any situation, including murder, other than through a lens of racial politics. Apparently they actually can't think anymore.

This has nothing to do with racial justice, and the inability of people to see this is a failure of parenting, education and our society at large. A life was ended and many others are ruined, including that of the killer, all of which is an unspeakable tragedy.

Michelle Graham
Lynbrook

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My Dad's Secret

Love letter from an autistic son

LELAND VITTERT

TO a son, his father is larger than life — the man with all the answers, the hero. Mine certainly is. But while writing a book about my father, I learned the truth: My hero was scared.

Starting when I was young, my father felt alone and unsure of what to do, certain the world had turned against his son and that he was the only thing standing between his little boy and ruin. The man I celebrated every Father's Day felt completely alone.

He wasn't. Last fall I wrote "Born Lucky: A Dedicated Father, a Grateful Son and My Journey with Autism" as a love letter to one man; what came back to me was an army.

"I've felt so lost for so long," a father in Massachusetts wrote to me — he is his autistic son's only friend, certain no one else on Earth was feeling the same.

Hundreds have written since, almost every letter carrying the same line my father once believed about himself: I thought I was the only one, alone, hopeless and helpless. This Father's Day, there is an army of fathers who feel exactly that alone — and not one of them knows the others that are out there.

At 8 I was diagnosed with what we now know to be autism. The psychologist had told Dad there was "generally not much" a parent could do for a kid like me.

Dad decided that was the wrong answer and spent the next 15 years proving it. He quit his job and began trying to adapt me to the world instead of adapting the world to me.

To be fair, I'm in my 40s now, and my wife says it's still a work in progress.

Once the diagnosis was delivered, Dad told no one. Not my teachers. Not his friends. Not even me. The secrecy wasn't shame — it was the method. He refused to let a diagnosis become my identity, so he carried it himself.

I only understood how alone he'd been when I sat down to write the book and asked my parents about years we had never discussed.

To me, it was all about me — the bullying, the emotional cruelty, the physical humiliation. He would sit in my room for hours listening to me cry and scream, trying to take my hurt and make it his own.

What I didn't know is what happened when he left my room — late at night my mother would find him alone, in our living room crying, certain he was failing, certain no one else could possibly understand.

Friends for life: Leland Vittert (l.) poses with his 'hero' father.

Dad didn't know of the army of others, and frankly I didn't, either. A single father in Las Vegas wrote that his marriage didn't survive, so he raised his son alone. The boy is 22 now, studying cybersecurity. They're best friends.

None of these men knew the others were out there — and that is the cruelty of it. The holiday we built to honor fathers honors each of them in private: one family, one card, one dad. So no man in that army ever sees that he belongs to it.

We mark the day with a tie, a grill, a "World's Best Dad" mug. A book (shameless plug!) None of it is wrong. But all of it misses the point. Fatherhood isn't the trophy on the shelf. It's the man at one in the morning, sure he's failing, who gets up and does it again the next day — and tells no one.

One year, around Father's Day, I asked my grandmother, "if there is a Father's Day, when it is Son's Day." She laughed and said every day is Son's Day. I had no earthly idea what she meant.

I do now: Every day my father showed up, the day was already mine. But she was only half right — every one of those days was Father's Day, too.

Not one Sunday in June. Every day a father shows up — for me, and for the children of every father in that army. That's Father's Day!

Dad still says he isn't a hero — like all heroes the attention makes him uncomfortable. He is no longer my only friend, but we are best friends. We still talk every night to say we love each other. I wrote "Born Lucky" so that in a small way Dad would know that I've come to understand, as much as I can, the sacrifices he made over all those years.

What he still can't quite believe is the rest of it: He was never the only one. For every father in that silent army, there is a child who grew up to understand exactly how lucky we are to have him — a second army, just as large, every one of us born lucky.

So this Father's Day, I'm not only saying it to my dad. I'm saying it to the whole army that never knew it was one.

I love you, Dad — and Happy Father's Day to every last one of you.

Leland Vittert is chief Washington anchor at NewsNation.

Higher Ed Is Now a Toxic Industry

GLENN HARLAN REYNOLDS

ONE industry in America pumps out toxic waste day and night, but suffers no penalty for the damage it causes.

It operates at enormous public and private expense, sucking up hundreds of billions of dollars in government money. Its toxic bilge poisons much of society, but those who complain about it are often dismissed as ignorant or bigoted. Its product is largely free of state and federal regulation.

That industry is higher education. And the toxic waste it emits isn't chemical but intellectual sludge, in the form of racial bigotry, antisemitism and crude Marxism.

"It's amazing," constitutional scholar Ilya Shapiro told the US Commission for Civil Rights: "The heart of antisemitism in America lies on campus, among the most educated and progressive people in the country."

This isn't the workplace bias and schoolyard name-calling that once marked antisemitism — it's now reached the performance stage. Like the recent incident in which antisemitic Cornell student Austin Franco rejected a job offer from a Jewish-owned startup with the hateful message "Not interested in working for a Jew" — then raised more than $20,000 from equally antisemitic goons on a crowdfunding site. Franco attends the same campus where antisemitic students this semester trapped the university's president in his car, holding him hostage after he hosted a civil debate over Israel.

Violence, threats and taunts have hit Jewish students on campuses across the country, from Columbia and Yale on the East Coast to UCLA on the West.

Why have universities been so limp-wristed in addressing this unvarnished hatred? One reason is money: Arab sheikdom Qatar has pumped tens of billions of dollars into US universities in recent years — and in the academy, money talks.

But another reason is that our universities have been the Petri dish in which this nasty ideology is cultured.

Law schools and humanities departments have embraced Critical Race Theory, which views everything through the lens of oppressor versus oppressed. No crime, however vile, is treated as beyond the pale if those committing it are classified as "oppressed."

Meanwhile, those seen as "oppressors" can do nothing right: Their very existence is an offense. This worldview got a double shot of espresso during the 2020 George Floyd hysteria. And it's informed campus thinking — and all of leftist culture — with a bigoted, frankly racial perspective on everything.

Jews are coded as oppressors — even though Israel was founded as a refuge for victims of the Holocaust — and that justifies rape, torture and murder by "oppressed" Palestinians.

The sickness isn't limited to race: Academic feminism has divided the sexes and introduced poisonous views of masculinity and femininity as "progressive," when they're really just prejudice and hate.

The poison has spread from universities into government and the corporate world through the insidious mechanism of federally enforced "anti-discrimination" rules.

Meanwhile, schools of education turn out teachers who are literally more interested in indoctrinating students in social justice than in teaching them how to read or do math. Specious theories of education have turned out to be far less successful at actually educating children than old-fashioned methods like phonics and drills.

Worse yet, academia has instilled in its graduates an undeserved sense of superiority simply because they attended college. Yet plenty of smart people don't have a college degree — and plenty of college graduates didn't learn much. Test results confirm that: A major study of 2,300 students not long ago reported that 36% of them showed no improved learning after four years of college.

And much of what students learn isn't so. Marxism, which has never worked in the real world, remains stylish on campuses — still treated as a hot new concept, though it hasn't changed much in over a century.

Racism, sexism, antisemitism and destructive economic ignorance, all from a huge and vastly expensive system that was supposed to make our society better.

It's time for a change. In this country, we don't (or at least we're not supposed to) censor people's views, however noxious and, frankly, evil they might be.

But as more Americans recoil from higher education's foul products, taxpayers, legislators and parents will increasingly wonder why they're supporting it.

No wonder Congress is considering multiple bills to defund colleges and universities that are being undermined by big bucks from adversaries like Qatar and communist China — and no wonder the Trump Justice Department is suing schools like UCLA that let antisemitic violence and discrimination fester.

About time, too: No other industry this toxic would have gotten away with its pollution for this long.

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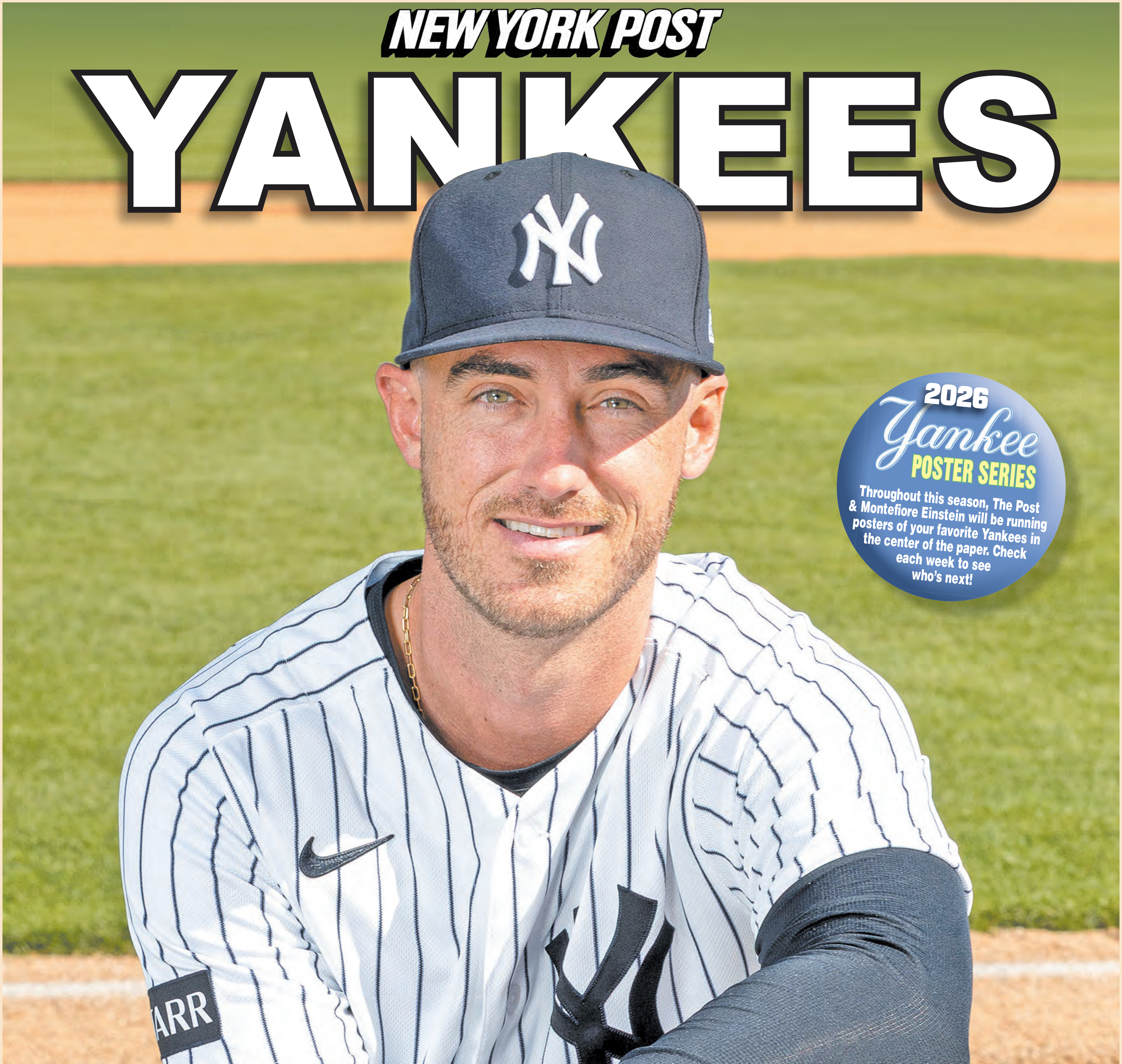

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♊ GEMINI (May 22-June 21)

The fact that someone is trying to hustle you into making a quick decision suggests they may be looking to make money at your expense. Be it hard sell or soft sell, let them know that it's going to be no sale this weekend.

♋ CANCER (June 22-July 23)

The Sun's move into your sign this weekend makes this the perfect time to draw a line under the past and make new plans for the days, weeks and months ahead. What is your highest ambition? Make that your guiding star from now on.

♌ LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)

You may be tempted to withdraw from the hustle and bustle of daily life, and maybe you should. The Sun's move into the most sensitive area of your chart this weekend means you don't have to be the one to put on a show.

♍ VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 23)

Just because you have strong opinions about the issues of the day does not mean you have to go shouting about them all over the place. A better strategy by far would be to confide only in a close-knit group of like-minded people.

♎ LIBRA (Sept. 24-Oct. 23)

The Sun's move into the career area of your chart this weekend will inspire you to show those who doubt you that you really do have what it takes. Keep your eyes open for opportunities to move up in the world over the next few weeks.

♏ SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)

Start making plans and make sure they are big. If you get the urge to explore further afield than usual over the next few weeks you must follow that urge wherever it takes you. Once the travel bug bites, the itch will need a lot of scratching.

♐ SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 - Dec. 21)

Partnership issues will still be important over the next few weeks, but the focus will be more on financial connections than emotional relationships. Where business matters are concerned, always look for win-win solutions. Life is not a zero sum game.

♑ CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 20)

You may have to take a back seat both at home and at work over the next four weeks or so. The Sun in your opposite sign means partners and colleagues and loved ones will be calling most of the shots, and that's actually a good thing.

♒ AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)

You need to get serious about a work-related matter that has been allowed to drift in recent weeks. Put the fun and games on hold for a bit and make sure others know what you expect of them. Expect a lot of yourself as well.

♓ PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20)

Now the Sun is about to move in your favor again you will find it easy to motivate yourself, and your enthusiasm will inspire other people to get moving as well. The most dynamic and creative time of the year is about to begin.

♈ ARIES (March 21-April 20)

If you are tempted to make demands of someone you love this weekend, you might like to think again. The Sun's change of signs means your relationship dynamic is about to shift in a big way. Maybe they will be making demands of you.

♉ TAURUS (April 21-May 21)

You have been far too serious of late and need to lighten up a bit. Make it your mission this weekend to get out and about and have a good time. You can't save the world, but you can make it a more fun place to live in.

BIRTHDAY SATURDAY

If you find it too hard to kick a habit of some sort, then why not embrace it? The message of your birthday chart is that you need to be smarter this year and look for ways to profit from your weaknesses as well as your strengths.

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Today: Mostly sunny and breezy at times. High 77 to 83.

Tonight: Clear. Low 62 to 68.

Sunday

Tomorrow: Times of clouds and sunshine. High 80 to 86.

Tomorrow night: Mostly cloudy. Low 63 to 69.

Monday

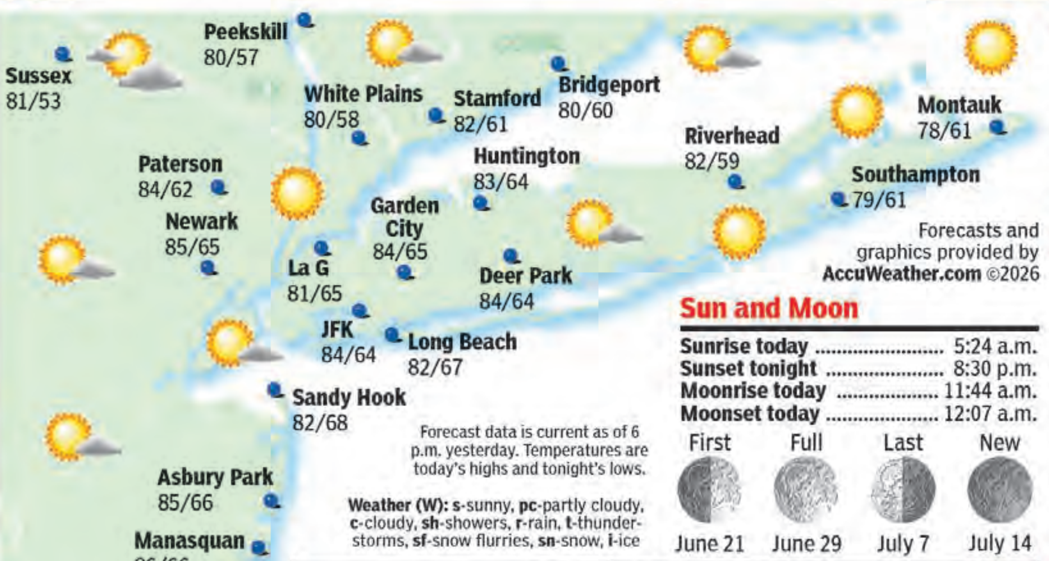
Rain, a t-storm. High 69 to 75.

Evening
Overcast. Low 62 to 68.

Tuesday

Partly sunny. High 77 to 83.

Evening
Mainly clear. Low 61 to 67.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JFK 84/64
Long Beach 82/67
Sandy Hook 82/68
Riverhead 82/59
Montauk 78/61
Southampton 79/61
Asbury Park 85/66
Manasquan 86/66
Toms River 86/62
Long Beach 82/65
Atlantic City 85/62
Ocean City 83/66

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Forecast data is current as of 6 p.m. yesterday. Temperatures are today's highs and tonight's lows.

Weather (W): **s**-sunny, **pc**-partly cloudy, **c**-cloudy, **sh**-showers, **r**-rain, **t**-thunderstorms, **sf**-snow flurries, **sn**-snow, **i**-ice

Sun and Moon

Sunrise today .... 5:24 a.m.
Sunset tonight .... 8:30 p.m.
Moonrise today .... 11:44 a.m.
Moonset today .... 12:07 a.m.

First	Full	Last	New
June 21	June 29	July 7	July 14

Almanac

YESTERDAY'S CONDITIONS AT CENTRAL PARK THROUGH 6PM

Temperature
High: 81, Low: 69, Mean: 75

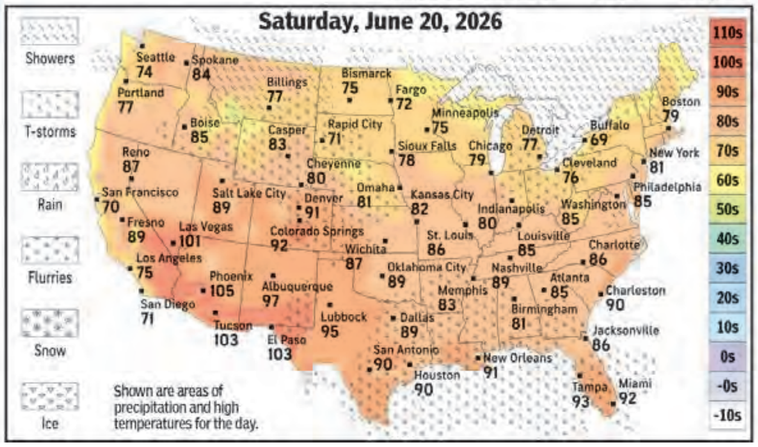
Departure from Normal
Yesterday: +2 degrees

Precipitation
Yesterday: 0.00", Month: 1.68",
Year: 16.11", Normal year to date: 22.25"

Cooling Degree days yesterday..............10
Total for the month (normal).......163 (117)
Total since Jan. 1 (normal)...........301 (198)
Last year to date..................................163
Heat Index (at noon yest.) 74
UV index (for Sat.) .... 11 (Extreme)
Humidity (at noon) 48%

AIR QUALITY
Pollen: High Predominant pollen: Grasses
AQI rating: (for Sat.) ....Moderate

Saturday, June 20, 2026


Showers
T-storms
Rain
Flurries
Snow
Ice
Seattle 74
Spokane 84
Portland 77
Billings 77
Bismarck 75
Fargo 72
Boise 85
Casper 83
Rapid City 71
Minneapolis 75
Reno 87
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Memphis 83
Atlanta 85
Charleston 90
San Diego 71
Tucson 103
El Paso 103
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Shown are areas of precipitation and high temperatures for the day.

New York Tides	TODAY		TOMORROW	
High Tide for	1st	2nd	1st	2nd
Coney Island	12:32a	1:16p	1:25a	2:08p
Fire Island	12:40a	1:14p	1:29a	2:08p
Hempstead	4:13a	4:54p	5:17a	5:54p
Huntington	4:04a	4:40p	5:04a	5:38p
Jones Inlet	12:16a	1:00p	1:09a	1:52p
Montauk Point	1:42a	2:20p	2:36a	3:16p
Port Washington	4:20a	5:03p	5:28a	6:03p
Sandy Hook	12:36a	1:20p	1:29a	2:12p

Regional cities	TODAY	TOMORROW
Albany	75/54/pc	80/55/pc
Danbury	78/54/s	81/57/pc
Glens Falls	74/52/t	75/51/pc
Gr Barrington	75/53/pc	78/56/pc
Kingston	80/54/pc	83/56/pc
Liberty	74/52/pc	75/55/pc
Monticello	75/50/pc	74/55/pc
Newburgh	80/56/s	82/57/pc
Poughkeepsie	79/53/s	83/57/pc
Saratoga Springs	76/54/pc	78/54/pc
Stroudsburg	81/54/s	81/59/pc
Torrington	77/54/pc	81/56/pc
Syracuse	73/55/t	77/57/pc

World cities	TODAY	TOMORROW
Athens	87/71/s	90/72/s
Baghdad	118/87/pc	116/85/pc
Beijing	86/58/s	85/59/pc
Berlin	93/68/t	87/61/pc
Cairo	94/71/s	92/71/pc
Dublin	67/47/pc	67/52/c
Geneva	93/66/s	95/64/s
Hong Kong	91/83/t	92/83/r
Jerusalem	84/66/s	84/66/s
Kabul	84/61/s	85/62/s
London	79/64/c	88/65/pc
Madrid	98/72/c	103/74/s
Mexico City	75/57/sh	78/57/c
Montreal	71/59/t	71/59/t
Moscow	70/52/pc	76/59/s
Paris	96/68/t	99/73/s
Rio de Janeiro	78/69/pc	75/66/pc
Rome	90/67/s	91/68/s
Sydney	70/50/s	66/52/s
Tokyo	76/69/r	80/68/r

BUSINESS BRIEFS

New 'option'

Charles Schwab is working with Cboe Global Markets to roll out all-or-nothing options contracts that allow customers to bet on the performance of the S&P 500, The Wall Street reported.

'Ultra' denial

Chip-equipment maker ASML said Friday it never shipped an extreme-ultraviolet lithography machine to China, following a report of US officials' concern that one of the company's most advanced tools may have reached China.

$pace race

Canadian space technology firm MDA Space said Friday it would buy US-based Blue Canyon Technologies from RTX's Raytheon business for $620 million, expanding its footprint in the US defense space market.

Robo-$take

Hyundai Motor Group plans to buy SoftBank Group's remaining 9.65% stake in Boston Dynamics for $325 million to make the US robotics firm a wholly owned unit, South Korea's Maeil Business reported.

'Power' play

Automaker Stellantis holds a 9.5% stake in US solid-state battery startup Factorial Energy and might buy further shares in the future, a SEC filing showed.

Sources: Dow Jones, Reuters

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GLOBAL *GOOOOOLD!*

$45B Cup runneth over, crushing even Swift

By ARIEL ZILBER

Getting the economy kickin'

Weston McKennie (seen in Friday's win vs. Australia), Team USA and the rest of the World Cup competition is boosting the global economy by billions of dollars, say experts, who add that the total haul will be far above the cash poured into Taylor Swift's Eras Tour.

Getty Images, Bruce Glikas/WireImage

The 2026 FIFA World Cup is shaping up to be one of the biggest economic events in modern sports history — and the financial impact could make Taylor Swift's blockbuster Eras Tour look small in comparison.

Bank of America analysts recently forecast that the month-long tournament will boost global gross domestic product by a whopping $45 billion — with roughly $19 billion of that going to US GDP, Barron's reported.

The tournament, which is being staged across the United States, Canada and Mexico, is expected to drive billions in additional US consumer spending, analysts wrote earlier this month.

"In economic terms, all of this activity adds up," Federated Hermes Head of Multi-Asset Solutions Damian McIntyre wrote in a research note.

"In this sense, it's like the 'Taylor Swift effect' all over again," McIntyre added.

A month of money

The singer was widely credited with sparking mini-economic booms in the host cities of her 2023-24 world tour, a phenomenon that earned the tongue-in-cheek name of "Swiftonomics."

The World Cup's economic footprint could dwarf even the staggering numbers generated by Swift's record-breaking shows.

Nomura estimated in 2024 that the first leg of Swift's Eras Tour boosted consumer spending by about $5 billion.

Bank of America's estimate for World Cup-related spending is more than six times larger.

Unlike a concert tour that visits a city for one or two nights, the World Cup unfolds over several weeks and draws millions of fans, sponsors, broadcasters, athletes and support staff.

The tournament is expected to generate spending across hotels, restaurants, bars, airlines, ride-sharing services, retail shops and entertainment venues throughout North America.

In New York and New Jersey alone, the host committee forecast $3.3 billion in impact for the region, with 26,000 jobs supported on both sides of the Hudson River.

The World Cup is also a massive media and gambling event.

Barron's reported that it could become the largest betting event in history — that at a time the sports gambling industry faces growing regulatory uncertainty.

As of Friday, bettors had already wagered about $2.7 billion on prediction markets tied to the tournament winner.

The largest share of that action has flowed toward traditional soccer powers. France, Spain, England and Argentina are considered the favorites to lift the trophy, according to betting markets.

The US was given just a 2% chance of winning it all.

Research found that Swift's concerts triggered large spikes in hotel occupancy, restaurant traffic and more. Economists caution that not every dollar spent on tickets translates directly into local economic growth, because much of the revenue ultimately flows to artists, promoters, ticketing companies and suppliers outside the host city.

If the forecasts prove accurate, the World Cup could become the most economically significant sporting event ever staged in North America.

Griffin bringing the fight to lefty Zo

Ken Griffin is taking a fresh shot at Mayor Mamdani — while voicing a willingness to speak down the road with the far-left leader.

The Citadel founder urged New York's business leaders to "fight for their city" as he renewed his criticism of the far-left mayor whose "tax the rich" campaign turned Griffin into a political target earlier this year.

"They need to find their voice and fight for their city," Griffin said Thursday at an Upper East Side groundbreaking, according to Bloomberg News.

"My advice is to speak up. What's the worst that's going to happen?" he added.

The billionaire hedge fund manager, whose firm employs thousands of workers in New York City, said his firm will outlast Mamdani's administration.

While Griffin has been ghosting Mamdani's outreach, he said they'll speak — eventually.

"I plan to talk to him at some point in the months ahead," he said.

Earlier this year, Mamdani ignited the public feud by filming a viral Tax Day video outside Griffin's $238 million penthouse at 220 Central Park South to promote a new pied-à-terre tax on wealthy owners of second homes.

Ariel Zilber

The Post Puzzle Page

SCRABBLE GRAMS

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I$_1$	I$_1$	U$_1$	M$_3$	T$_1$	B$_3$	S$_1$		RACK 1
E$_1$	E$_1$	U$_1$	L$_1$	P$_3$	M$_3$	T$_1$	3rd Letter Double	RACK 2
A$_1$	E$_1$	E$_1$	O$_1$	G$_2$	R$_1$	V$_4$		RACK 3
A$_1$	A$_1$	E$_1$	R$_1$	T$_1$	P$_3$	P$_3$	Triple Word Score	RACK 4

PAR SCORE 145-155
BEST SCORE 218

FOUR RACK TOTAL ____
TIME LIMIT: 20 MIN

TODAY'S ANSWER

SCRABBLE GRAMS

							SOLUTION
S$_1$	T$_1$	I$_1$	B$_3$	I$_1$	U$_1$	M$_3$	RACK 1 = 61
T$_1$	E$_1$	M$_3$	P$_3$	L$_1$	E$_1$		RACK 2 = 13
O$_1$	V$_4$	E$_1$	R$_1$	A$_1$	G$_2$	E$_1$	RACK 3 = 61
P$_3$	A$_1$	R$_1$	A$_1$	P$_3$	E$_1$	T$_1$	RACK 4 = 83
							TOTAL 218

PAR SCORE 145-155

Directions: Make a 2 to 7 letter word from the letters in each row. Add points of each word using scoring directions at right. 7 Letter words get 50 point bonus. "Blank" used as any letter have no point value. All the words are in the Official SCRABBLE players Dictionary, 4th Edition.

Bridge

South dealer
N-S vulnerable

NORTH
♠ A Q 4
♡ 7 6 3 2
◇ Q 10 9
♣ K 7 6

WEST
♠ 6 3
♡ J 10 8 5 4
◇ A 5
♣ A 8 3 2

EAST
♠ 9 8 7 5 2
♡ K
◇ 8 6 3 2
♣ 9 5 4

SOUTH
♠ K J 10
♡ A Q 9
◇ K J 7 4
♣ Q J 10

South	West	North	East
1 NT	Pass	3 NT	All Pass

Opening lead – ♡ 5

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One of my club members, Cy the Cynic, is a true procrastinator. A procrastinator delays things until tomorrow; Cy will tell you he has unfinished procrastinating to do from yesterday.

You're declarer at 3NT, and West leads a heart. East plays the king. You can take your ace; you can't get better value for your ace than capturing a king. Do you win the first trick or procrastinate?

In this deal winning is fatal. If you lead a diamond next, West wins and leads the jack of hearts to force out your queen. You have only eight tricks — three spades, two hearts and three diamonds — and when you lead a club, West takes the ace ... and three hearts.

It's unlucky to find West with five hearts and both minor-suit aces. Still, you should duck the first heart. When East must shift, you have time to force out both of West's aces and make an overtrick.

To hold up with two stoppers in a suit may be correct if you must lose the lead twice to get the tricks you need.

Word Force

BEDRAIL

From the word or phrase above, form **AT LEAST 21** five-letter words, without using more than one form of the same word. For example, drink or drank (not both).

ANSWERS IN MONDAY'S POST
Yesterday's word:
PREPLANNED

alder
apple
drape
eared
eland
elder
laden
learn
leper
padre
paler
paned
panel
paper
pared
pearl
pedal
penal
penne
plane
plead
preen
raped
renal
repel

Wonderword

How to play: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally, even backward. Find them and **Circle their letters only. Do not circle the word.** The leftover letters spell the Wonderword.

MADAGASCAR LEMURS **Solution: 9 letters**

L	B	S	L	L	A	C	S	L	E	E	P	U	R	R
A	A	N	E	S	T	C	E	S	S	E	V	A	E	L
N	M	D	E	L	I	A	T	G	N	I	R	D	A	L
R	B	S	E	E	P	F	E	I	V	A	I	O	G	A
U	O	S	P	P	S	S	A	L	V	P	K	U	L	M
T	O	T	F	O	U	M	R	K	S	E	T	E	E	S
C	C	N	A	O	O	R	R	U	A	Y	E	A	Y	E
O	R	A	M	F	R	R	D	O	F	I	S	G	G	E
N	O	L	E	M	R	E	T	A	W	F	R	U	I	T
E	W	P	Y	A	P	I	S	R	U	S	E	E	D	A
C	N	O	E	M	R	S	C	T	E	Q	T	D	N	M
T	E	M	S	M	I	D	G	A	S	E	N	R	A	I
A	D	Z	I	A	H	U	H	O	W	L	S	I	L	R
R	B	M	I	L	C	O	M	O	R	O	S	B	S	P
T	U	O	N	S	K	L	S	G	I	F	T	E	I	D

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Active, Africa, Aye-Aye, Bamboo, Bird, Calls, Chirp, Climb, Comoros, Crowned, Diet, Eagle, Eggs, Eyes, Figs, Forests, Frogs, Fruit, Howl, Island, Leap, Leaves, Loud, Mammal, Milk, Mouse, Nectar, Nest, Nocturnal, Plants, Primate, Purr, Quadrupedal, Ring-tailed, Ruffed, Seed, Sifaka, Size, Sleep, Small, Snake, Snout, Spider, Trees, Troops, Wet, Worms

Yesterday's Answer: Battery

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POST SU DOKU

To solve a Su Doku, you must put a number from 1 to 9, in each empty box.

Each number must appear once in each horizontal row, as well as in each vertical column and in each of the 3-by-3 grids. Impossible? Not once you get the hang of it. Tips and in depth strategies at ***www.SudokuWiki.org***

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Solutions on Page 34

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Very Easy #7,315

	9			7	3			
		2	9			1		
	3	6		2	8	4		
6	4				9		5	
3								4
	7		4				1	3
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		3			4	7		
			3	5			8	

Difficult #7,105

	7	2					9	8
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			8	3	4			
4			7		1			5
	9						7	
5			4		2			6
			5	8	9			
			2					
9	4					5	3	

Quick Crossword

1	2	3	4	■	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
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54			55	■	56		57		■	58			59	60
61				62					63	■	64			
65										■	66			
67										■	68			

Across

1 Iodine source
5 Kenny Chesney hit about living in the moment
15 "Toodles"
16 Birthstone for many Pisces
17 Genesis preposition
18 Splurges, in a way
19 Coevals
21 Quite a stretch
22 Bowler's edge
23 Take third, say
25 Bulb choice
27 MDW alternative
28 Comment after using a new expression
32 For sure
33 __ pudding
37 Actor Arkin
38 Queens player
41 Cut
42 "Roots" actress Sinclair
44 Splurging
46 Top-notch
49 Nerve center
52 Fa follower
53 Uncool in a cool way
54 French 101 verb
56 Storage structure
58 Critters that can regenerate limbs
61 Start again
64 British noble
65 "... any time, really"
66 Three, in Kindergarten
67 Photography collection subtitled "Mathematicians and Their Chalkboards"
68 Throw, 28-Across

Down

1 Coffee option
2 A on a German test?
3 This week's TikTok trend, e.g.
4 Oscar-winning film based on an Alasdair Gray novel
5 Chuckle syllable
6 Goal of many civil rights organizations
7 Step up or down
8 Stands in a studio
9 Tickles
10 Quick recharge
11 Uninspired
12 Coffee option
13 Live in a studio?
14 Site with health advice
20 "I feel __"
24 Related
26 Big name in caulk
28 Driver in Hollywood
29 "Homesick: A Memoir" writer Ward
30 Inner being?
31 "For sure, for sure!"
34 Application with persistent pop-ups
35 Ink
36 Olympic event since 1900
39 Thesis section
40 London home of many works by Louise Bourgeois
43 Some RPI grads
45 "I was __ ready!"
47 Secant reciprocal
48 "Where Is Love?" musical
49 Judean king known for ambitious building projects
50 In __
51 Might
55 Bounce back
57 Mountain flower
59 Fig or olive
60 Paper cut
62 Holiday celebrated with banh chung
63 "I'll see thee damned __ I call thee coward": "Henry IV, Part 1"

C	A	R	■	B	U	S	H	E	L	■	A	T	R	A
E	R	A	■	I	S	P	O	S	E	■	G	O	A	D
L	E	G	■	C	H	E	A	T	S	H	E	E	T	S
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NASSAU COUNTY
NOTICE OF MEETING

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to the provisions of the Education Law and the County Government Law of Nassau County, the Nassau County Legislature will hold a hearing on the Nassau County Budget for Nassau Community College for the fiscal year commencing September 1, 2026 and ending August 31, 2027 at 1:00 PM in the afternoon on Monday, June 29, 2026 in the Peter J. Schmitt Memorial Legislative Chamber, Theodore Roosevelt County Executive and Legislative Building, 1550 Franklin Avenue, Mineola, New York 11501. The Proposed Nassau County Budget for Nassau Community College, the budget message and the summary of which are printed below, are now on file in the office of the Clerk of the Nassau County Legislature and show the estimated revenues and expenditures for the said College and for the fiscal year as aforesaid and are open to inspection by any person during business hours, Monday to Friday, inclusive from 9:00 A.M. to 4:45 P.M. The Nassau County Fire Marshal's Office orders a maximum occupancy of 251 people for the Peter J. Schmitt Memorial Legislative Chamber and an additional 71 people for the legislative antechamber. Attendees who will address the Legislature must submit a written slip to the Clerk's office staff. The Rules of the Legislature limit public comment to three minutes per person. At meetings of the full Legislature, members of the public may speak during the pre-calendar public comment period and during public hearings. At meetings of the Legislature's committees and prior to the call of the first committee, members of the public may speak and on agenda items only. Individuals may email the Clerk of the Legislature at LegPublicComment@nassaucountyny.gov to have comment included in the record of the Legislative meeting. The Nassau County Legislature provides accessibility and reasonable accommodation to its public meetings for the attendance and participation of individuals with disabilities. Anyone in need of assistance should contact the Office of the Clerk of the Legislature at 516.571.4252, the Nassau County Office for the Physically Challenged at 516.227.7101 or TDD Telephone 516.227.8989. The Legislature streams every meeting live at http://www.Nassau CountyNY.gov/agencies/Legis/index.html.
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MICHAEL C. PULITZER Clerk of the Legislature Nassau County, New York.
Date: June 8, 2026 Garden City, (Mineola, P.O.) New York
Nassau Community College Budget for 2026/2027
EXPENSES Budget total: $185,730,691
REVENUES Budget total: $185,730,691

NASSAU COUNTY
NOTICE OF QUALIFICATION OF
A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

Notice of Qualification of PHOENIX HEALTH THERAPY, PLLC Authority filed with the New York Secy of State (SSNY) on May 22, 2026. Principal business and office location: 39 Raspberry Lane, Levittown, NY 11756, Nassau County. LLC formed in SC on May 31, 2024. SSNY is designated as agent of the foreign professional service limited liability company upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to: 2819 McLeod Lane, Myrtle Beach, SC 29588. Address of office required to be maintained in the jurisdiction of organization: 2819 McLeod Lane, Myrtle Beach, SC 29588. Certificate of Organization filed with the South Carolina Secy of State, located at 1205 Pendleton Street, Suite 525, Columbia, SC 29201. Purpose: Operate as a professional entity practicing the profession of Psychology.

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Golf

PGA Tour- U.S. Open
At Shinnecock Hills Golf Club; Southampton, N.Y.; Purse: $22.5 million; Yardage: 7,440; Par: 70
Second Round

Wyndham Clark,	64-69	133	-7
Matt Fitzpatrick,	67-70	137	-3
Tom Kim, S	70-67	137	-3
Xander Schauffele,	71-66	137	-3
Sam Stevens,	68-69	137	-3
Collin Morikawa,	73-65	138	-2
Sam Burns,	71-68	139	-1
Harry Higgs,	71-68	139	-1
Sahith Theegala,	72-67	139	-1
Justin Thomas,	71-68	139	-1
Akshay Bhatia,	70-70	140	E
Ryder Cowan,	68-72	140	E
Alex Fitzpatrick,	71-69	140	E
Brian Harman,	69-71	140	E
Ryo Hisatsune	71-69	140	E
Rory McIlroy	69-71	140	E
Maverick McNealy,	72-68	140	E
Keith Mitchell,	70-70	140	E
William Mouw,	70-70	140	E
Scottie Scheffler,	72-68	140	E
Gary Woodland,	67-73	140	E
Ludvig Aberg,	69-72	141	+1
Zac Blair,	71-70	141	+1
Keegan Bradley,	70-71	141	+1
Corey Conners	69-72	141	+1
Tommy Fleetwood,	70-71	141	+1
Benjamin James,	69-72	141	+1
John Keefer,	71-70	141	+1
Ben Kohles,	70-71	141	+1
Max McGreevy,	68-73	141	+1
Niklas Norgaard Moller,	71-70	141	+1
Aaron Rai,	74-67	141	+1
Justin Rose,	71-70	141	+1
Adrien Dumont De Chassart,	71-71	142	+2
Max Greyserman,	69-73	142	+2
Ben Griffin,	72-70	142	+2
Tyrrell Hatton,	74-68	142	+2
Sungjae Im,	74-68	142	+2
Kurt Kitayama,	74-68	142	+2
John Parry,	71-71	142	+2
J.T. Poston,	71-71	142	+2
Andrew Putnam,	74-68	142	+2
Spencer Tibbits,	68-74	142	+2
Jackson Van Paris,	70-72	142	+2
Cameron Young,	72-70	142	+2
Michael Brennan,	72-71	143	+3
Pierceson Coody,	72-71	143	+3
Ryan Fox,	70-73	143	+3
Emiliano Grillo,	73-70	143	+3
Russell Henley,	70-73	143	+3
Angel Hidalgo,	69-74	143	+3
Dustin Johnson,	66-77	143	+3
Michael Kim,	71-72	143	+3
Jackson Koivun,	72-71	143	+3
James Nicholas,	71-72	143	+3
Joaquin Niemann,	78-65	143	+3
Patrick Rodgers,	72-71	143	+3
Miles Russell,	72-71	143	+3
Jordan Spieth,	73-70	143	+3
Jacob Bridgeman,	73-71	144	+4
Laurie Canter,	72-72	144	+4
Bud Cauley,	72-72	144	+4
Nicolas Echavarria,	71-73	144	+4
Marek Fleming,	72-72	144	+4
Chris Gotterup,	75-69	144	+4
Eric Lee,	74-70	144	+4
Robert MacIntyre,	70-74	144	+4
Hideki Matsuyama,	71-73	144	+4
Neal Shipley,	71-73	144	+4
Caleb Surratt,	75-69	144	+4
Peter Uihlein,	74-70	144	+4
Dylan Wu,	73-71	144	+4

Notable Missed Cut

Filippo Celli, Italy	75-70	145	+5
Bryson DeChambeau,	70-75	145	+5
Harris English,	72-73	145	+5
Rickie Fowler,	71-74	145	+5
Ryan Gerard,	73-72	145	+5
Billy Horschel,	73-72	145	+5
Viktor Hovland, Norway	76-69	145	+5
Matthew Jordan,	72-73	145	+5
Andrew Novak,	73-72	145	+5
Patrick Reed,	72-73	145	+5
Jackson Suber,	74-71	145	+5
Nick Taylor, Canada	74-71	145	+5
Sudarshan Yellamaraju, Canada	73-72	145	+5
Patrick Cantlay,	74-72	146	+6
Cole Hammer,	73-73	146	+6
Lucas Herbert, Australia	74-72	146	+6
Si Woo Kim, South Korea	77-69	146	+6
Nathan Kimsey,	76-70	146	+6
Shane Lowry, Ireland	73-73	146	+6
Alex Noren, Sweden	74-72	146	+6
Carlos Ortiz, Mexico	72-74	146	+6
Jon Rahm, Spain	68-78	146	+6

LPGA Tour- Meijer LPGA Classic for Simply Give
At Blythefield Country Club; Belmont, Mich.; Purse: $3.3 million; Yardage: 6,611; Par: 72
Second Round

Jing Yan	68-66	134	-10
Cassie Porter	67-68	135	-9
Lottie Woad	69-66	135	-9
MinJi Kang	68-68	136	-8
Yan Liu	66-70	136	-8
Jenny Bae	70-67	137	-7
Ana Belac	70-67	137	-7
Mary Liu	70-67	137	-7
Rio Takeda	71-66	137	-7

FIFA World Cup

GROUP A

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Mexico	2	2	0	0	3	0	6
South Korea	2	1	0	1	2	2	3
Czechia	2	0	1	1	2	3	1
South Africa	2	0	1	1	1	3	1

GROUP A
Thursday, June 11
Mexico 2, South Africa 0
South Korea 2, Czechia 1
Thursday
Czechia 1, South Africa 1
Mexico 1, South Korea 0
Wednesday, June 24
Czechia vs. Mexico, 9pm
South Africa vs. South Korea, 9pm

GROUP B

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Canada	2	1	1	0	7	1	4
Switzerland	2	1	1	0	5	2	4
Bosnia-Herzegovina	2	0	1	1	2	5	1
Qatar	1	0	1	1	1	7	1

GROUP B
Friday, June 12
Canada 1, Bosnia-Herzegovina 1
Saturday, June 13
Qatar 1, Switzerland 1
Thursday
Switzerland 4, Bosnia-Herzegovina 1
Canada vs. Qatar, (n)
Wednesday, June 24
Switzerland vs. Canada, 3pm
Bosnia-Herzegovina vs. Qatar, 3pm

GROUP C

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Brazil	2	1	1	0	4	1	4
Morocco	2	1	1	0	2	1	4
Scotland	2	1	0	1	1	1	3
Haiti	2	0	0	2	0	4	0

GROUP C
Saturday, June 13
Brazil 1, Morocco 1
Scotland 1, Haiti 0
Friday
Morocco 1, Scotland 0
Brazil 3, Haiti 0
Wednesday, June 24
Scotland vs. Brazil, 6pm
Morocco vs. Haiti, 6pm

GROUP D

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
United States	2	2	0	0	6	1	6
Australia	2	1	0	1	2	2	3
Paraguay	2	1	0	1	2	4	3
Turkey	2	0	0	2	0	3	0

GROUP D
Friday, June 12
United States 4, Paraguay 1
Sunday, June 14
Australia 2, Turkey 0
Friday
United States 2, Australia 0
Paraguay 1, Turkey 0
Thursday
Turkey vs. United States, 10pm
Paraguay vs. Australia, 10pm

GROUP E

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Germany	1	1	0	0	7	1	3
Ivory Coast	1	1	0	0	1	0	3
Ecuador	1	0	0	1	0	1	0
Curacao	1	0	0	1	1	7	0

GROUP E
Sunday, June 14
Germany 7, Curacao 1
Ivory Coast 1, Ecuador 0
Saturday
Germany vs. Ivory Coast, 4pm
Ecuador vs. Curacao, 8pm
Thursday
Ecuador vs. Germany, 4pm
Curacao vs. Ivory Coast, 4pm

GROUP F

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Sweden	1	1	0	0	5	1	3
Japan	1	0	1	0	2	2	1
Netherlands	1	0	1	0	2	2	1
Tunisia	1	0	0	1	1	5	0

GROUP F
Sunday, June 14
Netherlands 2, Japan 2
Sweden 5, Tunisia 1
Saturday
Netherlands vs. Sweden, 1pm
Sunday
Tunisia vs. Japan, 12am
Thursday
Tunisia vs. Netherlands, 7pm
Japan vs. Sweden, 7pm

GROUP G

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
New Zealand	1	0	1	0	2	2	1
Iran	1	0	1	0	2	2	1
Belgium	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
Egypt	1	0	1	0	1	1	1

GROUP G
Monday, June 15
Belgium 1, Egypt 1
Iran 2, New Zealand 2
Sunday
Belgium vs. Iran, 3pm
New Zealand vs. Egypt, 9pm
Friday, June 26
New Zealand vs. Belgium, 11pm
Egypt vs. Iran, 11pm

GROUP H

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Uruguay	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
Saudi Arabia	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
Spain	1	0	1	0	0	0	1
Cape Verde	1	0	1	0	0	0	1

GROUP H
Monday, June 15
Spain 0, Cape Verde 0
Saudi Arabia 1, Uruguay 1
Sunday
Spain vs. Saudi Arabia, 12pm
Uruguay vs. Cape Verde, 6pm
Friday, June 26
Uruguay vs. Spain, 8pm
Cape Verde vs. Saudi Arabia, 8pm

GROUP I

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Norway	1	1	0	0	4	1	3
France	1	1	0	0	3	1	3
Senegal	1	0	0	1	1	3	0
Iraq	1	0	0	1	1	4	0

GROUP I
Tuesday, June 16
France 3, Senegal 1
Iraq 1, Norway 4
Monday
France vs. Iraq, 5pm
Norway vs. Senegal, 8pm
Friday, June 26
Norway vs. France, 3pm
Senegal vs. Iraq, 3pm

GROUP J

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Argentina	1	1	0	0	3	0	3
Austria	1	1	0	0	3	1	3
Jordan	1	0	0	1	1	3	0
Algeria	1	0	0	1	0	3	0

GROUP J
Tuesday, June 16
Argentina 3, Algeria 0
Wednesday, June 17
Austria 3, Jordan 1
Monday
Argentina vs. Austria, 1pm
Jordan vs. Algeria, 11pm
Saturday, June 27
Jordan vs. Argentina, 10pm
Algeria vs. Austria, 10pm

GROUP K

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Colombia	1	1	0	0	3	1	3
Congo	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
Portugal	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
Uzbekistan	1	0	0	1	1	3	0

GROUP K
Wednesday, June 17
Portugal 1, Congo 1
Uzbekistan 1, Colombia 3
Tuesday
Portugal vs. Uzbekistan, 1pm
Colombia vs. Congo, 10pm
Saturday, June 27
Colombia vs. Portugal, 7:30pm
Congo vs. Uzbekistan, 7:30pm

GROUP L

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
England	1	1	0	0	4	2	3
Ghana	1	1	0	0	1	0	3
Panama	1	0	0	1	0	1	0
Croatia	1	0	0	1	2	4	0

GROUP L
Wednesday, June 17
England 4, Croatia 2
Ghana 1, Panama 0
Tuesday
England vs. Ghana, 4pm
Panama vs. Croatia, 7pm
Saturday, June 27
Panama vs. England, 5pm
Croatia vs. Ghana, 5pm

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AL Standings

East	W	L	Pct.	GB	*WGB	L10	Streak	Home	Away
Yankees	46	28	.622	—	—	8-2	W-1	22-13	24-15
Tampa Bay	42	30	.583	3	+6½	5-5	W-1	25-9	17-21
Toronto	37	39	.487	10	½	5-5	L-1	21-18	16-21
Baltimore	35	42	.455	12½	3½	4-6	L-2	22-19	13-23
Boston	30	43	.411	15½	6	3-7	W-1	12-25	18-18

Central	W	L	Pct.	GB	*WGB	L10	Streak	Home	Away
Chicago	39	35	.527	—	—	5-5	L-1	24-12	15-23
Cleveland	40	36	.526	—	+2½	3-7	L-1	19-17	21-19
Minnesota	36	41	.468	4½	2	6-4	L-1	20-19	16-22
Kansas City	32	45	.416	8½	6	4-6	W-3	19-21	13-24
Detroit	31	44	.413	8½	6	5-5	W-1	19-16	12-28

West	W	L	Pct.	GB	*WGB	L10	Streak	Home	Away
Seattle	39	38	.506	—	—	4-6	L-1	21-18	18-20
Athletics	38	38	.500	½	—	7-3	W-2	18-21	20-17
Texas	36	39	.480	2	1	4-6	W-1	18-17	18-22
Houston	36	41	.468	3	2	6-4	W-3	19-20	17-21
Los Angeles	30	47	.390	9	8½	5-5	L-3	17-20	13-27

***WGB:** Games behind third-place team in wild-card race

Friday

Yankees 5, Cincinnati 0
Cubs 16, Toronto 2
Detroit 4, White Sox 3
Tampa Bay 5, Washington 2
Athletics 12, L.A. Angels 11, 10 inn.
L.A. Dodgers 6, Baltimore 5
Houston 9, Cleveland 3
Kansas City 6, St. Louis 5
Texas 9, San Diego 7
Boston 6, Seattle 2
Arizona 9, Minnesota 5

Saturday

Cincinnati at **Yankees**, 1:35
Boston at Seattle, 10:10, 1st game
White Sox at Detroit, 1:10
Toronto at Cubs, 2:20
San Diego at Texas, 4:05
Washington at Tampa Bay, 4:10
Cleveland at Houston, 7:15
L.A. Angels at Athletics, 10:05
Baltimore at L.A. Dodgers, 10:10
Boston at Seattle, 10:10, 2nd game
Minnesota at Arizona, 10:10

NL Standings

East	W	L	Pct.	GB	*WGB	L10	Streak	Home	Away
Atlanta	47	27	.635	—	—	4-6	W-1	23-13	24-14
Philadelphia	40	35	.533	7½	+½	5-5	L-2	21-19	19-16
Washington	39	37	.513	9	1	6-4	L-2	16-22	23-15
Miami	38	38	.500	10	2	7-3	W-2	24-16	14-22
Mets	34	41	.453	13½	5½	5-5	W-2	18-18	16-23

Central	W	L	Pct.	GB	*WGB	L10	Streak	Home	Away
Milwaukee	45	28	.616	—	—	5-5	L-2	25-15	20-13
St. Louis	40	34	.541	5½	+1	4-6	L-3	21-17	19-17
Chicago	40	36	.526	6½	—	6-4	W-2	23-16	17-20
Pittsburgh	38	38	.500	8½	2	4-6	L-1	20-19	18-19
Cincinnati	35	39	.473	10½	4	4-6	L-2	19-19	16-20

West	W	L	Pct.	GB	*WGB	L10	Streak	Home	Away
Los Angeles	48	27	.640	—	—	6-4	W-3	25-12	23-15
Arizona	39	36	.520	9	½	5-5	W-2	24-15	15-21
San Diego	38	36	.514	9½	1	5-5	L-1	19-19	19-17
San Francisco	31	44	.413	17	8½	5-5	L-1	14-20	17-24
Colorado	29	47	.382	19½	11	5-5	W-1	15-20	14-27

***WGB:** Games behind third-place team in wild-card race

Friday

Yankees 5, Cincinnati 0
Cubs 16, Toronto 2
Tampa Bay 5, Washington 2
Atlanta 3, Milwaukee 2
Miami 4, San Francisco 3
L.A. Dodgers 6, Baltimore 5
Kansas City 6, St. Louis 5
Texas 9, San Diego 7
Colorado 4, Pittsburgh 3
Arizona 9, Minnesota 5

Saturday

Cincinnati at **Yankees**, 1:35
Mets at Philadelphia, 7:15
Toronto at Cubs, 2:20
San Diego at Texas, 4:05
Milwaukee at Atlanta, 4:10
San Francisco at Miami, 4:10
Washington at Tampa Bay, 4:10
Pittsburgh at Colorado, 9:10
Baltimore at L.A. Dodgers, 10:10
Minnesota at Arizona, 10:10

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1	9	4	6	7	3	5	2	8
7	8	2	9	4	5	1	3	6
5	3	6	1	2	8	4	9	7
6	4	1	7	3	9	8	5	2
3	2	8	5	6	1	9	7	4
9	7	5	4	8	2	6	1	3
8	6	9	2	1	7	3	4	5
2	5	3	8	9	4	7	6	1
4	1	7	3	5	6	2	8	9

Solution to Very Easy #7,315

3	7	2	6	1	5	4	9	8
8	6	4	9	2	7	1	5	3
1	5	9	8	3	4	6	2	7
4	2	3	7	6	1	9	8	5
6	9	1	3	5	8	2	7	4
5	8	7	4	9	2	3	1	6
2	3	6	5	8	9	7	4	1
7	1	5	2	4	3	8	6	9
9	4	8	1	7	6	5	3	2

Solution to Difficult #7,105

Yankees 5, Reds 0

Cincinnati	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Dunn cf	3	0	2	0	0	0	.277
Bleday lf	3	0	0	0	1	3	.260
Stewart 1b	4	0	0	0	0	1	.248
Lowe dh	4	0	1	0	0	2	.255
Steer rf	4	0	0	0	0	2	.241
Suárez 3b	4	0	1	0	0	3	.213
Stephenson c	3	0	0	0	0	2	.210
McLain ss	3	0	0	0	0	2	.204
Arroyo 2b	3	0	0	0	0	2	.190
Totals	**31**	**0**	**4**	**0**	**1**	**17**	

Yankees	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Rice dh	4	1	2	3	0	0	.294
Domínguez rf	4	0	2	0	0	1	.216
Bellinger lf	3	0	0	0	1	0	.272
Goldschmidt 1b	4	0	0	0	0	2	.293
Chisholm 2b	3	2	1	1	1	0	.229
Jones cf	2	1	0	0	2	1	.235
Volpe ss	3	1	2	1	1	1	.265
McMahon 3b	4	0	1	0	0	1	.212
Escarra c	4	0	0	0	0	0	.179
Totals	**31**	**5**	**8**	**5**	**5**	**6**	

Cincinnati	**000 000 000**	**—**	**0**	**4**	**0**
Yankees	**040 000 01x**	**—**	**5**	**8**	**1**

E: Chisholm (4). **LOB:** Cincinnati 6, New York 7. **2B:** Dunn (6), Domínguez (5). **HR:** Chisholm (11), off Lowder; Rice (21), off Lowder. **RBIs:** Chisholm (31), Rice 3 (52), Volpe (13). **SB:** Chisholm (21). **CS:** Dunn (2). **Runners left in scoring position:** Cincinnati 3 (Steer, McLain, Stewart); New York 4 (Escarra 2, Chisholm, Goldschmidt). **RISP:** Cincinnati 0 for 5; New York 2 for 10.

Cincinnati	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Lowder, L, 3-4	5.1	6	4	4	3	5	95	4.82
Ferguson	1.2	1	0	0	0	0	21	1.64
Maxwell	1.0	1	1	1	2	1	21	9.90

Yankees	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Schlittler, W, 8-3	6.0	4	0	0	0	13	96	1.71
Bird	1.0	0	0	0	0	2	21	5.09
Headrick	1.0	0	0	0	1	0	17	1.78
Bednar	1.0	0	0	0	0	2	10	3.52

T: 2:35. **A:** 42,420 (47,309).

Tigers 4, White Sox 3

Chicago	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Vargas 1b	4	0	1	0	0	2	.241
Grichuk dh	3	1	2	1	1	1	.273
Meidroth 2b	4	0	0	0	0	2	.273
C.Montgomery 3b	3	0	0	0	1	3	.228
Quero c	4	0	0	0	0	1	.186
Perez rf	3	1	2	1	0	0	.400
B.Montgomery ph-rf	1	0	0	0	0	0	.188
Antonacci lf	4	1	2	0	0	0	.286
Acuña ss	3	0	1	0	0	1	.210
Benintendi ph	1	0	0	0	0	0	.240
Peters cf	4	0	0	1	0	2	.285
Totals	**34**	**3**	**8**	**3**	**2**	**12**	

Detroit	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
McGonigle ss-3b	4	0	1	0	0	1	.281
Dingler c	4	2	3	0	0	0	.263
Vierling cf-rf	4	1	1	2	0	1	.201
Greene lf	3	1	0	0	1	1	.292
Torkelson 1b	3	0	0	0	0	0	.202
Carpenter dh	3	0	1	2	0	0	.234
Lee 2b	3	0	1	0	0	1	.235
Keith 3b	2	0	0	0	0	0	.261
Jones ph	1	0	1	0	0	0	.140
McKinstry pr-ss	0	0	0	0	0	0	.168
Cruz rf	3	0	0	0	0	3	.000
Outman cf	0	0	0	0	0	0	.151
Totals	**30**	**4**	**8**	**4**	**1**	**7**	

Chicago	**100 011 000**	**—**	**3**	**8**	**0**
Detroit	**200 002 00x**	**—**	**4**	**8**	**1**

E: McGonigle (7). **LOB:** Chicago 6, Detroit 3. **2B:** Antonacci (10), Grichuk (7), McGonigle (16), Carpenter (4). **HR:** Grichuk (7), off Skubal; Perez (1), off Skubal; Vierling (5), off Eisert. **RBIs:** Grichuk (20), Peters (22), Perez (1), Vierling 2 (25), Carpenter 2 (29). **CS:** Perez (1). **Runners left in scoring position:** Chicago 4 (C.Montgomery 2, Meidroth, Acuña); Detroit 2 (Greene, Lee). **RISP:** Chicago 0 for 5; Detroit 1 for 6.

Chicago	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Eisert	1.1	2	2	2	0	2	32	5.50
Fedde, L, 2-6	4.2	4	2	2	1	4	78	4.46
Murphy	1.0	1	0	0	0	1	8	6.00
Domínguez	1.0	1	0	0	0	0	18	3.67

Detroit	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Skubal	5.2	7	3	3	1	8	94	3.02
Anderson, W, 3-3	1.1	1	0	0	0	3	16	3.78
Vest, H, 7	1.0	0	0	0	1	0	20	6.17
Jansen, S, 8-12	1.0	0	0	0	0	1	10	4.24

T: 2:28. **A:** 41,353 (41,083).

Marlins 4, Giants 3

San Francisco	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Arraez 2b	5	0	0	0	0	0	.321
Eldridge 1b	4	0	0	0	0	1	.308
Chapman 3b	3	0	0	0	1	2	.249
Devers dh	3	1	2	1	1	0	.244
Lee rf	4	1	2	0	0	1	.328
Adames ss	4	1	1	0	0	1	.229
Schmitt lf	4	0	2	1	0	0	.286
Gilbert cf	4	0	1	0	0	0	.220
Susac c	3	0	1	1	0	0	.287
Totals	**34**	**3**	**9**	**3**	**2**	**5**	

Miami	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Hicks 1b-c	5	0	1	1	0	1	.278
Caissie rf	3	1	3	3	0	0	.222
Hernández dh	4	0	1	0	0	1	.231
Stowers lf-1b	3	0	0	0	1	2	.223
Lopez ss	4	0	1	0	0	1	.334
Marsee cf	3	0	1	0	1	1	.203
Norby 3b	4	0	1	0	0	2	.208
Edwards 2b	0	0	0	0	0	0	.291
Mack c	2	0	0	0	0	0	.255
Ruiz ph-lf	0	1	0	0	1	0	.265
Sanoja 2b-3b	4	2	2	0	0	0	.247
Totals	**32**	**4**	**10**	**4**	**3**	**8**	

San Francisco	**010 002 000**	**—**	**3**	**9**	**0**
Miami	**100 010 20x**	**—**	**4**	**10**	**0**

LOB: San Francisco 7, Miami 9. **2B:** Lee (16), Hernández (2), Sanoja (12), Caissie (11). **HR:** Devers (11), off Petersen; Caissie (8), off Roupp. **RBIs:** Susac (14), Devers (36), Schmitt (39), Caissie 3 (39), Hicks (53). **SB:** Marsee (18), Lee (4), Lopez (14), Ruiz (13). **SF:** Susac, Caissie. **Runners left in scoring position:** San Francisco 4 (Adames 2, Lee, Arraez); Miami 8 (Lopez, Hicks 2, Mack 2, Stowers 3). **RISP:** San Francisco 2 for 7; Miami 2 for 13.

San Francisco	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Roupp	6.0	7	2	2	1	7	98	4.15
Hentges, L, 1-2, BS, 0-1	0.1	2	2	2	0	0	11	2.84
Walker	0.2	0	0	0	1	0	8	5.21
Smith	0.2	1	0	0	1	0	18	0.00
Miller	0.1	0	0	0	0	1	5	4.50

Miami	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Bachar	1.1	3	1	1	2	1	37	3.10
King	1.1	2	0	0	0	1	20	2.23
Bender	1.1	0	0	0	0	0	14	2.93
Petersen	1.0	2	2	2	0	1	17	3.45
Zuber	0.2	2	0	0	0	1	12	6.23
Gibson, W, 1-0	1.2	0	0	0	0	1	21	5.93
Faucher, H, 8	0.2	0	0	0	0	0	9	3.26
Fairbanks, S, 10-12	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	17	6.43

T: 2:50. **A:** 11,677 (37,446).

Rays 5, Nationals 2

Washington	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Wood rf	4	0	0	0	0	2	.273
García 1b	3	1	2	1	0	1	.265
Mead ph-1b	1	0	0	0	0	0	.232
Tena dh	2	0	0	0	0	1	.216
Crews ph-dh	2	0	0	0	0	1	.186
Abrams ss	4	1	1	1	0	0	.284
Ruiz c	4	0	1	0	0	1	.281
Lile lf	3	0	0	0	0	1	.254
Nuñez 2b	3	0	1	0	0	0	.225
Vivas 3b	3	0	1	0	0	0	.244
Young cf	3	0	0	0	0	0	.231
Totals	**32**	**2**	**6**	**2**	**0**	**7**	

Tampa Bay	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Díaz dh	4	1	2	0	0	0	.320
Aranda 1b	4	1	1	3	0	1	.275
DeLuca rf	4	1	1	1	0	1	.268
Caminero 3b	4	0	2	0	0	1	.276
Mullins cf	4	0	1	0	0	0	.199
Simpson lf	4	0	1	0	0	0	.259
Palacios 2b	3	1	1	0	0	0	.236
Walls ss	3	0	1	1	0	0	.215
Feduccia c	2	1	0	0	1	0	.247
Totals	**32**	**5**	**10**	**5**	**1**	**3**	

Washington	**011 000 000**	**—**	**2**	**6**	**0**
Tampa Bay	**003 100 01x**	**—**	**5**	**10**	**1**

E: Aranda (5). **LOB:** Washington 3, Tampa Bay 4. **2B:** Palacios (6). **HR:** Abrams (15), off Jax; García (10), off Jax; Aranda (12), off Mikolas; DeLuca (3), off Mikolas. **RBIs:** Abrams (55), García (46), Aranda 3 (51), Walls (18), DeLuca (20). **SB:** Nuñez (27). **CS:** Young (2). **Runners left in scoring position:** Washington 2 (Mead, Vivas); Tampa Bay 2 (Palacios, Walls). **RISP:** Washington 0 for 3; Tampa Bay 2 for 5.

Washington	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Poulin	2.0	1	0	0	0	1	23	3.07
Mikolas, L, 2-6	6.0	9	5	5	1	2	85	5.47

Tampa Bay	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Jax, W, 2-5	5.0	4	2	2	0	5	69	3.67
Matz, H, 1	1.2	1	0	0	0	1	25	5.65
Kelly, H, 15	0.1	1	0	0	0	0	10	2.67
Cleavinger, H, 11	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	9	4.91
Baker, S, 19-22	1.0	0	0	0	0	1	13	1.84

T: 2:17. **A:** 17,134 (25,025).

Cubs 16, Blue Jays 2

Toronto	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Springer dh	4	1	2	2	0	0	.223
Guerrero 1b	3	0	0	0	0	0	.276
McAdoo 1b	1	0	0	0	0	0	.160
Sánchez rf	4	0	0	0	0	2	.282
Piñango lf	4	0	0	0	0	2	.283
Kirk c	4	0	0	0	0	2	.179
Lukes cf	3	0	1	0	0	0	.313
Okamoto 3b	3	0	0	0	0	1	.228
Schneider 2b	3	0	1	0	0	0	.172
Giménez ss	3	1	1	0	0	0	.230
Totals	**32**	**2**	**5**	**2**	**0**	**7**	

Chicago	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Crow-Armstrong cf	3	1	3	1	2	0	.283
Dean cf	2	1	1	3	0	0	.500
Bregman 3b	4	1	1	2	1	0	.250
Ramirez ph-3b	1	0	1	1	0	0	.278
Busch 1b	5	0	1	0	1	0	.247
Suzuki dh	5	2	3	2	1	0	.269
Happ lf	4	3	2	0	1	1	.228
Conforto ph-lf	1	0	0	0	0	0	.222
Shaw rf	5	2	0	0	1	1	.254
Hoerner 2b	6	1	3	0	0	1	.238
Kelly c	4	3	2	6	2	1	.282
Swanson ss	4	2	1	1	2	0	.177
Totals	**44**	**16**	**18**	**16**	**11**	**4**	

Toronto	**001 001 000**	**—**	**2**	**5**	**2**
Chicago	**700 004 50x**	**—**	**16**	**18**	**0**

E: Okamoto (7), Schneider (2). **LOB:** Toronto 3, Chicago 15. **2B:** Giménez (11), Lukes (8), Suzuki (10), Hoerner (16). **3B:** Dean (1). **HR:** Springer (8), off Brown; Kelly (4), off Gausman. **RBIs:** Springer 2 (21), Suzuki 2 (31), Kelly 6 (26), Bregman 2 (25), Swanson (31), Crow-Armstrong (38), Dean 3 (3), Ramirez (4). **SB:** Crow-Armstrong 2 (18), Swanson 2 (9). **Runners left in scoring position:** Toronto 1 (Giménez); Chicago 10 (Busch 4, Suzuki, Dean, Kelly 2, Conforto 2). **RISP:** Toronto 1 for 4; Chicago 10 for 24.

Toronto	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Gausman, L, 4-5	2.0	7	7	7	4	3	68	4.04
Fisher	1.0	1	0	0	1	0	20	3.18
Nance	1.1	0	0	0	0	0	19	4.15
Little	1.0	2	4	4	3	1	34	27.00
Miles	0.2	1	0	0	1	0	20	3.26
Rogers	0.2	3	5	0	1	0	28	1.77
Straw	1.1	4	0	0	1	0	20	0.00

Chicago	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Brown, W, 4-2	6.0	4	2	2	0	4	72	1.85
Roberts	1.0	0	0	0	0	1	10	3.22
Hollowell	1.0	1	0	0	0	0	13	4.91
Milner	1.0	0	0	0	0	2	16	3.48

T: 2:54. **A:** 40,275 (41,363).

Braves 3, Brewers 2

Milwaukee	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Yelich dh	4	1	1	0	1	0	.275
Chourio lf	4	0	1	0	1	0	.305
Turang 2b	5	0	2	2	0	1	.264
Contreras c	4	0	0	0	1	1	.286
Mitchell cf	4	0	2	0	0	1	.258
Vaughn 1b	4	0	2	0	0	1	.352
Hamilton pr-3b	0	0	0	0	0	0	.230
Perkins rf	3	1	1	0	0	1	.148
Bauers ph-1b	0	0	0	0	1	0	.269
Pratt ss	3	0	1	0	0	1	.333
Frelick ph-rf	1	0	0	0	0	0	.231
Ortiz 3b-ss	3	0	1	0	0	1	.205
Sánchez ph	1	0	0	0	0	0	.226
Totals	**36**	**2**	**11**	**2**	**4**	**7**	

Atlanta	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Baldwin c	4	0	0	0	0	2	.292
Albies 2b	4	1	1	0	0	0	.277
Olson 1b	3	0	0	0	1	1	.273
Smith dh	4	0	2	0	0	2	.288
Dubón cf	4	0	1	2	0	0	.259
Riley 3b	3	0	1	0	0	1	.213
Yastrzemski rf	3	1	1	1	0	0	.230
White lf	3	0	0	0	0	3	.222
Mateo ss	3	1	1	0	0	1	.283
Totals	**31**	**3**	**7**	**3**	**1**	**10**	

Milwaukee	**001 000 001**	**—**	**2**	**11**	**0**
Atlanta	**000 002 10x**	**—**	**3**	**7**	**0**

LOB: Milwaukee 11, Atlanta 5. **2B:** Vaughn (11), Chourio (12), Smith (5). **HR:** Yastrzemski (4), off Uribe. **RBIs:** Turang 2 (46), Dubón 2 (42), Yastrzemski (19). **SB:** Pratt (2). **Runners left in scoring position:** Milwaukee 6 (Contreras 2, Chourio, Pratt, Frelick 2); Atlanta 4 (Dubón, Riley, White 2). **RISP:** Milwaukee 2 for 11; Atlanta 1 for 6.

Milwaukee	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Misiorowski, L, 8-3	6.0	5	2	2	1	7	91	1.45
Uribe	1.0	1	1	1	0	2	13	3.71
Yoho	1.0	1	0	0	0	1	13	1.80

Atlanta	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Pérez, W, 6-3	6.0	6	1	1	2	5	82	2.78
Lee, H, 15	0.2	1	0	0	0	1	17	1.11
Suarez, H, 12	1.1	2	0	0	1	0	28	0.56
Iglesias, S, 15-15	1.0	2	1	1	1	1	20	1.48

T: 2:29. **A:** 40,107 (41,149).

Royals 6, Cardinals 5

St. Louis	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Wetherholt 2b	4	0	0	0	0	0	.262
Herrera c	2	1	1	1	2	0	.259
Burleson 1b	4	0	1	0	0	0	.281
Walker rf	3	0	2	1	0	0	.295
Nootbaar lf	4	1	1	0	0	0	.267
Winn ss	4	1	1	1	0	1	.242
Crooks dh	3	0	0	0	0	0	.167
Velázquez ph	0	1	0	0	1	0	.323
Jordan 3b	4	0	1	2	0	0	.300
Torres pr	0	0	0	0	0	0	.238
Church cf	1	1	1	0	1	0	.263
Fermín ph-cf	2	0	0	0	0	0	.267
Totals	**31**	**5**	**8**	**5**	**4**	**1**	

Kansas City	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Jensen c	4	0	1	0	0	0	.238
Thomas cf	4	1	1	0	0	0	.232
Caglianone 1b	4	2	2	2	0	1	.270
Perez dh	4	0	1	0	0	0	.208
Massey 2b	4	1	1	1	0	1	.256
Loftin 3b	3	1	0	0	1	1	.239
Rave rf	2	1	1	0	2	0	.500
Collins lf	4	0	2	2	0	0	.226
Tolbert ss	2	0	0	1	0	0	.190
Totals	**31**	**6**	**9**	**6**	**3**	**3**	

St. Louis	**101 000 003**	**—**	**5**	**8**	**1**
Kansas City	**000 411 00x**	**—**	**6**	**9**	**0**

E: Church (1). **LOB:** St. Louis 4, Kansas City 5. **2B:** Burleson (19), Winn (11), Rave (1), Thomas (6), Collins 2 (11), Perez (8). **3B:** Church (1). **HR:** Caglianone (10), off McGreevy. **RBIs:** Walker (58), Herrera (32), Winn (27), Jordan 2 (7), Caglianone 2 (24), Massey (25), Collins 2 (23), Tolbert (1). **SF:** Walker, Tolbert. **Runners left in scoring position:** St. Louis 3 (Nootbaar 2, Wetherholt); Kansas City 4 (Jensen 2, Tolbert, Massey). **RISP:** St. Louis 2 for 6; Kansas City 3 for 10.

St. Louis	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
McGreevy, L, 3-6	5.0	8	5	5	1	2	95	3.35
Soriano	1.0	1	1	1	1	0	18	3.16
Svanson	2.0	0	0	0	1	1	23	6.68

Kansas City	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Lugo, W, 3-4	6.0	5	2	1	3	0	85	3.69
Schreiber	1.0	0	0	0	0	1	12	2.64
Lynch	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	11	2.53
Strahm	0.2	2	3	3	1	0	22	6.75
Lange, S, 5-5	0.1	1	0	0	0	0	10	3.97

T: 2:37. **A:** 27,323 (38,427).

Rangers 9, Padres 7

San Diego	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Tatis 2b	4	1	0	0	1	0	.280
Taylor rf	5	1	3	0	0	1	.375
Merrill cf	5	0	0	0	0	3	.209
Machado 3b	5	0	0	0	0	3	.174
Sheets lf	4	2	2	2	0	1	.230
Bogaerts ss	3	1	0	0	1	1	.224
France 1b	4	2	3	5	0	0	.259
Wagner dh	3	0	2	0	1	1	.333
Bowen pr-dh	0	0	0	0	0	0	.120
Durán c	3	0	0	0	0	0	.149
Solak ph	1	0	0	0	0	0	.200
Hunt c	0	0	0	0	0	0	---
Totals	**37**	**7**	**10**	**7**	**3**	**10**	

Texas	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Pederson dh	4	1	0	0	1	1	.237
Jung 3b	4	3	2	0	1	0	.304
Langford cf	5	1	3	2	0	0	.258
Nimmo rf	5	1	2	1	0	1	.259
Duran ss-lf-ss	2	1	1	1	3	0	.280
Osuna lf	3	1	2	2	0	1	.252
Foscue ph-2b	1	0	0	0	0	0	.270
Kelenic ph-lf	1	0	0	0	0	1	.222
Burger 1b	4	1	1	2	0	0	.248
Lopez 2b-ss-2b	4	0	1	0	0	0	.281
Díaz c	4	0	1	1	0	1	.295
Totals	**37**	**9**	**13**	**9**	**5**	**5**	

San Diego	**500 100 010**	**—**	**7**	**10**	**1**
Texas	**600 101 01x**	**—**	**9**	**13**	**0**

E: Vásquez (1). **LOB:** San Diego 6, Texas 9. **2B:** France (6), Nimmo 2 (18), Osuna (3), Burger (14), Langford (6). **HR:** France 2 (8), off deGrom; Sheets (12), off Junis; Langford (5), off Adam. **RBIs:** Sheets 2 (32), France 5 (24), Nimmo (26), Osuna 2 (11), Burger 2 (44), Díaz (9), Langford 2 (11), Duran (38). **SB:** Sheets (4). **Runners left in scoring position:** San Diego 1 (Durán); Texas 5 (Jung, Burger 4). **RISP:** San Diego 2 for 5; Texas 6 for 15.

San Diego	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Vásquez, L, 6-5	3.1	8	7	6	3	1	72	4.17
Matsui	1.2	1	0	0	1	3	34	1.52
Morgan	0.1	3	1	1	0	0	10	4.82
Peralta	1.2	0	0	0	1	0	19	1.96
Adam	1.0	1	1	1	0	1	11	1.98

Texas	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
deGrom, W, 6-4	6.0	6	6	6	3	9	106	3.59
Junis, H, 8	1.2	3	1	1	0	1	31	2.03
Latz, S, 13-15	1.1	1	0	0	0	0	11	1.56

T: 2:50. **A:** 33,406 (40,000).

Astros 9, Guardians 3

Cleveland	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Bazzana 2b	4	1	2	0	0	1	.256
Manzardo dh	4	0	0	0	0	1	.233
Rocchio ss	4	1	2	1	0	0	.273
Hoskins 1b	4	1	1	2	0	1	.179
Schneemann cf	4	0	0	0	0	4	.222
Arias 3b	4	0	1	0	0	2	.233
Watson rf	2	0	0	0	0	2	.000
Fry ph-rf	1	0	0	0	0	1	.228
Halpin ph	1	0	0	0	0	0	.143
Bailey c	3	0	1	0	0	2	.165
Kwan lf	3	0	0	0	0	1	.210
Totals	**34**	**3**	**7**	**3**	**0**	**15**	

Houston	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Peña ss	5	2	3	3	0	1	.289
Alvarez dh	4	2	1	0	1	2	.324
Walker 1b	4	1	0	0	1	1	.242
Paredes 3b	4	1	2	0	0	1	.238
Altuve 2b	4	1	2	4	0	2	.234
Delgado 2b	0	0	0	0	0	0	.429
Diaz c	4	0	1	0	0	2	.241
Cam.Smith rf	3	1	1	0	1	1	.224
Loperfido lf	3	0	1	0	0	0	.240
Matthews ph-lf	1	0	0	0	0	1	.209
Meyers cf	4	1	1	1	0	0	.216
Totals	**36**	**9**	**12**	**8**	**3**	**11**	

Cleveland	**003 000 000 —**	**3**	**7**	**1**
Houston	**101 003 22x —**	**9**	**12**	**0**

E: Watson (1). **LOB:** Cleveland 4, Houston 6. **2B:** Bazzana (11), Rocchio (11), Arias (2), Diaz (6), Loperfido (7), Altuve (11), Meyers (5). **HR:** Hoskins (7), off Imai; Peña (5), off Bibee; Altuve (8), off Festa; Peña (6), off Espino. **RBIs:** Rocchio (33), Hoskins 2 (26), Peña 3 (18), Altuve 4 (20), Meyers (11). **Runners left in scoring position:** Cleveland 2 (Schneemann, Halpin); Houston 5 (Altuve, Meyers 2, Cam.Smith, Diaz). **RISP:** Cleveland 2 for 6; Houston 3 for 8.

Cleveland	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Bibee, L, 2-8	5.1	4	4	3	2	7	95	4.03
Festa, BS, 1-2	0.2	3	1	1	0	0	7	4.35
Espino	1.0	3	2	2	0	2	20	9.00
Sabrowski	0.1	1	2	2	1	1	20	2.53
Armstrong	0.2	1	0	0	0	1	17	3.05

Houston	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Imai, W, 4-3	6.0	6	3	3	0	11	89	6.15
Okert, H, 8	2.0	0	0	0	0	3	25	2.55
Burrows	1.0	1	0	0	0	1	7	5.79

T: 2:39. **A:** 33,279 (41,000).

Rockies 4, Pirates 3

Pittsburgh	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Horwitz 1b	3	1	0	0	0	0	.277
Gonzales 3b	4	0	1	1	0	0	.293
O'Hearn rf	4	0	0	0	0	0	.284
Ozuna dh	4	0	1	0	0	1	.199
Davis pr	0	0	0	0	0	0	.138
Lowe 2b	4	0	1	0	0	2	.241
Rodríguez c	3	0	0	0	1	2	.254
Valdez lf	3	1	1	0	0	1	.111
Callihan ph	1	0	0	0	0	1	.303
Triolo ss	4	1	2	1	0	0	.238
Cook cf	2	0	0	0	0	2	.167
Reynolds ph	1	0	1	1	0	0	.285
Mangum pr-cf	0	0	0	0	0	0	.296
Totals	**33**	**3**	**7**	**3**	**1**	**9**	

Colorado	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
McCarthy lf	4	0	1	0	0	0	.288
Castro 2b	3	0	1	1	1	0	.282
Goodman c	4	0	0	0	0	0	.247
Rumfield 1b	4	1	2	1	0	0	.278
Freeman rf	3	1	1	0	0	0	.267
Carrigg cf	3	1	1	0	1	0	.222
Thompson dh	2	0	0	0	0	1	.234
Fulford ph-dh	1	0	1	2	0	0	.242
Tovar ss	4	1	2	0	0	1	.215
Karros 3b	3	0	0	0	0	0	.245
Totals	**31**	**4**	**9**	**4**	**2**	**2**	

Pittsburgh	**000 000 030 —**	**3**	**7**	**0**
Colorado	**001 100 02x —**	**4**	**9**	**1**

E: Tovar (5). **LOB:** Pittsburgh 5, Colorado 7. **2B:** Lowe (17), Valdez (1), Triolo (5), Castro (13), McCarthy (12), Fulford (3). **3B:** Gonzales (1). **HR:** Rumfield (11), off Chandler. **RBIs:** Triolo (8), Reynolds (48), Gonzales (33), Castro (32), Rumfield (38), Fulford 2 (7). **SB:** Triolo (4). **CS:** Mangum (3). **Runners left in scoring position:** Pittsburgh 3 (O'Hearn, Gonzales, Valdez); Colorado 5 (Tovar 2, Goodman 3). **RISP:** Pittsburgh 2 for 8; Colorado 2 for 9.

Pittsburgh	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Chandler	6.0	6	2	2	2	1	74	4.62
Ramírez	1.1	0	0	0	0	0	6	4.10
Montgomery, L, 2-2, BS, 0-2	0.2	3	2	2	0	1	24	4.71

Colorado	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Freeland	7.1	4	2	2	0	8	81	7.36
Hill, BS, 1-4	0.2	2	1	1	0	0	10	5.19
Senzatela, W, 7-0	1.0	1	0	0	1	1	19	2.23

T: 2:16. **A:** 33,596 (50,144).

Red Sox 6, Mariners 2

Boston	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Gasper dh	4	0	0	0	0	0	.258
Rafaela cf	4	1	1	0	0	2	.286
Abreu rf	4	0	1	0	0	0	.274
Contreras 1b	4	1	1	0	0	1	.289
Duran lf	4	1	1	0	0	3	.210
Durbin 3b	4	3	3	1	0	1	.203
Mayer ss	4	0	2	3	0	1	.222
Narváez c	3	0	0	1	0	2	.202
Monasterio 2b	3	0	1	0	0	1	.237
Totals	**34**	**6**	**10**	**5**	**0**	**11**	

Seattle	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Refsnyder dh	4	0	0	0	0	1	.137
Raleigh c	1	1	0	0	3	1	.163
Rodríguez cf	4	1	1	2	0	2	.249
Naylor 1b	4	0	1	0	0	1	.253
Canzone rf	4	0	0	0	0	2	.282
Young 2b	3	0	0	0	1	0	.254
Robles lf	2	0	0	0	0	0	.255
Crawford ph	1	0	0	0	0	1	.221
Joe lf	0	0	0	0	0	0	.189
Emerson ss	3	0	0	0	0	0	.227
Wilson 3b	3	0	0	0	0	0	.214
Totals	**29**	**2**	**2**	**2**	**4**	**8**	

Boston	**010 000 401 —**	**6**	**10**	**0**
Seattle	**000 000 002 —**	**2**	**2**	**1**

E: Canzone (1). **LOB:** Boston 2, Seattle 4. **2B:** Rafaela (17), Durbin (14), Mayer (8), Naylor (9). **HR:** Durbin (5), off Miller; Rodríguez (14), off Kahnle. **RBIs:** Durbin (28), Mayer 3 (21), Narváez (4), Rodríguez 2 (37). **SB:** Abreu (5). **CS:** Abreu (2). **SF:** Narváez. **Runners left in scoring position:** Boston 2 (Monasterio, Narváez); Seattle 2 (Crawford 2). **RISP:** Boston 3 for 6; Seattle 0 for 2.

Boston	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Suarez, W, 3-3	6.2	1	0	0	3	5	94	2.93
Slaten, H, 8	0.1	0	0	0	0	1	6	6.14
Weissert	1.0	0	0	0	0	1	10	3.60
Kahnle	1.0	1	2	2	1	1	19	3.86

Seattle	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Miller, L, 3-1	5.0	3	1	1	0	7	66	1.58
Castillo	4.0	7	5	4	0	4	63	5.22

T: 2:23. **A:** 45,775 (47,929).

Diamondbacks 9, Twins 5

Minnesota	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Larnach lf	3	0	1	0	0	0	.274
Martin ph-rf	2	0	0	0	0	2	.236
Buxton cf	4	0	2	0	1	1	.273
Clemens rf-lf-1b	5	0	1	0	0	1	.249
Bell dh	4	1	1	1	0	1	.244
Lewis 1b-3b	4	1	1	1	0	0	.200
Lee 3b	3	1	0	0	1	0	.236
Jackson c	0	0	0	0	0	0	.289
Caratini c	2	1	1	1	2	0	.231
Fedko pr-lf	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000
Gray ss	4	0	1	1	0	1	.241
Keaschall 2b	3	1	1	0	1	0	.253
Totals	**34**	**5**	**9**	**4**	**5**	**6**	

Arizona	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Marte 2b	4	1	1	1	1	1	.258
Perdomo ss	3	2	0	0	2	2	.243
Carroll rf	4	1	3	4	1	0	.283
Moreno c	5	0	1	1	0	1	.275
Gurriel lf	4	1	1	1	0	0	.221
Barrosa pr-cf	1	0	0	0	0	0	.170
Arenado 3b	4	1	2	0	0	1	.239
Vargas 1b	4	0	1	2	0	1	.261
Lawlar cf-lf	4	0	2	0	0	1	.316
Troy pr-lf	0	1	0	0	0	0	.234
Groover dh	3	1	1	0	0	1	.176
Smith ph-dh	1	1	1	0	0	0	.176
Totals	**37**	**9**	**13**	**9**	**4**	**8**	

Minnesota	**011 100 020 —**	**5**	**9**	**1**
Arizona	**001 041 03x —**	**9**	**13**	**1**

E: Lee (6), Arenado (4). **LOB:** Minnesota 7, Arizona 8. **2B:** Groover (1), Carroll (16). **3B:** Carroll (9). **HR:** Caratini (5), off Clarke; Bell (9), off Ginkel; Lewis (7), off Ginkel; Marte (12), off Prielipp. **RBIs:** Caratini (26), Gray (28), Bell (47), Lewis (21), Carroll 4 (42), Moreno (25), Gurriel (13), Vargas 2 (39), Marte (44). **CS:** Fedko (1). **Runners left in scoring position:** Minnesota 2 (Lewis, Bell); Arizona 4 (Gurriel, Lawlar, Groover, Barrosa). **RISP:** Minnesota 1 for 8; Arizona 3 for 13.

Minnesota	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Prielipp, L, 2-5	6.0	9	6	3	3	4	97	5.17
Adams	1.1	4	3	3	1	4	42	7.50
Laweryson	0.2	0	0	0	0	0	5	5.40

Arizona	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Soroka	1.0	2	0	0	0	0	9	3.07
Clarke	1.0	1	1	1	0	0	11	2.27
Thompson	1.0	1	1	0	0	1	20	2.13
Jameson	1.2	3	1	1	2	1	33	4.91
Loáisiga, W, 2-2	1.1	0	0	0	0	0	10	2.86
Garcia, H, 6	1.0	0	0	0	1	2	14	2.70
Ginkel, H, 6	1.0	2	2	2	1	1	16	3.14
Sewald	1.0	0	0	0	1	1	13	3.18

T: 2:57. **A:** 25,110 (48,359).

WNBA

East	W	L	Pct.	GB
Atlanta	10	4	.714	—
Liberty	11	5	.688	—
Indiana	9	6	.600	1½
Toronto	8	8	.500	3
Washington	7	7	.500	3
Chicago	4	10	.286	6
Connecticut	2	15	.118	9½

West	W	L	Pct.	GB
Minnesota	13	3	.813	—
Las Vegas	11	4	.733	1½
Golden State	10	6	.625	3
Dallas	9	6	.600	3½
Portland	8	9	.471	5½
Los Angeles	7	8	.467	5½
Phoenix	4	12	.250	9
Seattle	3	13	.188	10

Friday

Washington 86, **Liberty** 83
Toronto 101, Connecticut 97
Minnesota 81, Golden State 75

Saturday

Indiana at Atlanta, 1pm
Seattle at Phoenix, 3pm
Chicago at Dallas, 8pm

Sunday

Liberty at Los Angeles, 8pm
Golden State at Las Vegas, 4pm
Washington at Minnesota, 6pm

Monday

Chicago at Connecticut, 7pm
Toronto at Atlanta, 7:30pm
Phoenix at Indiana, 8pm
Dallas at Seattle, 10pm

Mystics 86, Liberty 83

Washington

	Min	FG	FT	O-Rb	A	PF	Pts
Iriafen	27:31	8-14	4-6	2-6	0	3	20
Onyenwere	28:15	3-5	5-5	1-2	0	3	11
Austin	27:46	4-8	5-8	2-7	1	3	14
Amoore	27:42	3-9	3-3	0-0	8	2	10
Citron	34:30	5-11	5-6	0-6	8	4	16
Betts	17:26	4-6	0-1	3-5	0	2	8
McMahon	13:13	3-5	0-3	0-1	1	2	7
Olsen	11:25	0-2	0-0	0-2	1	4	0
Dugalic	7:17	0-1	0-0	0-1	1	0	0
Prosper	4:55	0-1	0-0	0-1	0	0	0
Totals	200:00	30-62	22-32	8-31	20	23	86

Percentages: FG .484, FT .688. **3-point goals:** 4-18, .222 (Austin 1-1, McMahon 1-3, Citron 1-5, Amoore 1-6, Iriafen 0-1, Olsen 0-1, Onyenwere 0-1). **Team rebounds:** 8. **Team turnovers:** None. **Blocked shots:** 2 (Betts, Iriafen). **Turnovers:** 11 (Amoore 3, Citron 2, Onyenwere 2, Austin, Betts, Iriafen, Olsen). **Steals:** 9 (Citron 5, Betts, Iriafen, McMahon, Olsen). **Technicals:** None.

Liberty

	Min	FG	FT	O-Rb	A	PF	Pts
Fiebich	31:27	6-9	4-4	2-2	2	3	19
Stewart	31:58	5-11	6-8	1-10	6	5	16
Jones	32:39	4-8	2-4	0-10	2	3	10
Ionescu	30:17	4-13	0-0	0-1	3	3	9
Johannes	26:57	1-8	1-2	1-3	4	1	4
Sabally	16:46	4-8	2-2	0-0	1	4	13
Xu	11:34	3-5	0-0	1-3	1	2	8
Astier	9:43	1-2	0-0	0-1	1	3	2
Gardner	8:39	1-2	0-0	0-0	0	2	2
Totals	200:00	29-66	15-20	5-30	20	26	83

Percentages: FG .439, FT .750. **3-point goals:** 10-34, .294 (Fiebich 3-5, Sabally 3-6, Xu 2-3, Ionescu 1-6, Johannes 1-7, Gardner 0-1, Stewart 0-2, Jones 0-4). **Team rebounds:** 15. **Team turnovers:** None. **Blocked shots:** 6 (Stewart 2, Xu 2, Johannes, Jones). **Turnovers:** 14 (Ionescu 4, Astier 2, Jones 2, Sabally 2, Fiebich, Johannes, Stewart, Xu). **Steals:** 5 (Astier, Fiebich, Johannes, Sabally, Stewart). **Technicals:** None.

Washington	23	16	24	23 —	86
Liberty	23	20	18	22 —	83

A: 16,539 (17,732). **T:** 2:10.

Transactions

Friday's Transactions

Major League Baseball
American League

Athletics: Agreed to terms with RHP Andrew Bush on a minor league contract.

Cleveland Guardians: Reinstated LHP Erik Sabrowski from the 15-day IL. Optioned LHP Will Dion to Columbus (IL).

Detroit Tigers: Placed OF Wenceel Pérez on the 10-day IL, retroactive to June 17. Recalled OF Trei Cruz from Toledo.

Houston Astros: Sent RHP Ronel Blanco on a rehab assignment to FCL Astros.

Kansas City Royals: Reinstated RHP Seth Lugo from the 7-day IL. Optioned RHP Mason Black to Omaha (IL).

Seattle Mariners: Designated INF/OF Miles Mastrobuoni for assignment. Selected the contract of 3B Weston Wilson from Tacoma (PCL).

Tampa Bay Rays: Reinstateed OF Jonny DeLuca from the 10-day IL. Designated OF Austin Slater for assignment.

Texas Rangers: Selected the contract of OF Jarred Kelenic from Round Rock (PCL). Optioned INF Josh Smith to Round Rock. Transferred OF Michael Helman to the 60-day IL.

Toronto Blue Jays: Optioned RHP Chad Dallas to Buffalo (IL). Recalled LHP Brandon Little from Buffalo.

National League

Arizona Diamondbacks: Placed RHP Ryne Nelson on the 15-day IL, retroactive to June 16. Recalled RHP Yiber Díaz from Reno (PCL).

Atlanta Braves: Reinstated C Joey Bart from the 10-day IL.

Chicago Cubs: Recalled OF Justin Dean from Iowa (IL).

Cincinnati Reds: Sent SS Elly De La Cruz on a rehab assignment to Louisville (IL).

New York Mets: Sent SS Francisco Lindor and OF Tyron Taylor on rehab assignments to Binghamton (EL).

PITTSBURGH PIRATES Optioned RHP Hunter Stratton to Indianapolis (IL).

San Diego Padres: Reinstated RHP Mason Miller from the bereavement list. Optioned RHP Bradgley Rodriguez to ACL Padres.

BASKETBALL
Women's National Basketball Association

Los Angeles Sparks: Signed G Kiana Williams. Waived F Sania Feagin.

FOOTBALL
National Football League

Tennessee Titans: Signed DT Jeffery Simmons to a multi-year contract extension.

HOCKEY
National Hockey League

Tampa Bay Lightning: Acquired a 2026 fifth-round pick from Toronto in exchange for D Darren Raddysh.

Friday's Crossword Answers

A	B	S						N	A	P
R	U	T	H				B	I	L	E
F	R	E	E	H		D	I	M	A	G
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		D	E	L	G	A	D	O		
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		V	I	C	T	O	R	Y		
	A	E	R	O		N	O	A	H	
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C	A	S						L	O	B

Today's Sports on the Air

	MLB BASEBALL	
1:35 p.m.	Reds at Yankees	YES, 660 AM, 101.9 FM
2 p.m.	Blue Jays at Cubs	MLBN
4:30 p.m.	Brewers at Braves (joined in progress)	MLBN
7:15 p.m.	Mets at Phillies	Fox, 880 AM
10 p.m.	Orioles at Dodgers	MLBN
	MEN'S SOCCER: FIFA WORLD CUP	
1 p.m.	Group Stage: Netherlands vs. Sweden	Fox, Telemundo
4 p.m.	Group Stage: Germany vs. Ivory Coast	Fox, Telemundo
8 p.m.	Group Stage: Ecuador vs. Curacao	FS1, Telemundo
12 a.m. (Sun.)	Group Stage: Tunisia vs. Japan	FS1, Telemundo
	WNBA BASKETBALL	
1 p.m.	Fever at Dream	ABC
3 p.m.	Storm at Mercury	ABC
8 p.m.	Sky at Wings	CBS
	GOLF	
10 a.m.	PGA Tour: U.S. Open, 3rd Round	USA
Noon	PGA Tour: U.S. Open, 3rd Round	NBC
3 p.m.	LPGA Tour: Meijer LPGA Classic for Simply Give, 3rd Round	Golf
	MIXED MARTIAL ARTS	
8 p.m.	UFC Fight Night: Kape vs. Horiguchi; Cutelaba vs. Stirling	Paramount+
	COLLEGE BASEBALL WORLD SERIES	
8 p.m.	Finals: Oklahoma vs. North Carolina, Game 1	ESPN
	BASKETBALL	
4 p.m.	BIG 3: Week 1	CBS
	MINOR LEAGUE BASEBALL	
6 p.m.	New Hampshire Fisher Cats at Binghamton Rumble Ponies	SNY
7 p.m.	Triple-A: Scranton/Wilkes-Barre at Columbus	MLBN
	MEN'S SOCCER	
5 p.m.	USL Cup: Louisville City at Detroit City	ESPN2
10:30 p.m.	USL Championship: Orange County SC at Las Vegas Lights	CBSSN
	CFL FOOTBALL	
7 p.m.	Saskatchewan Roughriders at Calgary Stampeders	CBSSN
	AUTO RACING	
8:55 a.m.	FIM MotoGP: Czechia Grand Prix- Sprint Race	FS1
10 a.m.	Indy NXT Series: Grand Prix at Road America - Race 2, Qual.	FS1
11 a.m.	NTT IndyCar Series: Xpel Grand Prix at Road America, Practice	FS1
12:30 p.m.	Indy NXT Series: Grand Prix at Road America - Race 1	FS1
1 p.m.	NASCAR O'Reilly Auto Parts Series: United Rentals Driven to Serve 250	PIX11
1 p.m.	Pro Motocross Championship: High Point National	NBCSN
2 p.m.	NTT IndyCar Series: Xpel Grand Prix at Road America, Qual.	FS1
2:30 p.m.	NASCAR Cup Series: Anduril 250, Qualifying	Prime Video
5 p.m.	NASCAR O'Reilly Auto Parts Series: United Rentals Driven to Serve 250	PIX11
6:30 p.m.	ARCA Menards Series: Berlin ARCA 200	FS2
	MEN'S LACROSSE	
9 p.m.	PLL: Maryland at New York	ESPN2
	SOFTBALL	
Noon	Athletes Unlimited: Blaze at Bandits	ESPN
	TENNIS	
7 a.m.	ATP London, Semifinals	Tennis
7 a.m.	ATP Halle, Semifinals	Tennis
7 a.m.	WTA Berlin, Semifinals	Tennis
7 a.m.	WTA Nottingham, Semifinals	Tennis
	HORSE RACING	
9 a.m.	Breeders' Cup Challenge Series: Royal Ascot	NBC
Noon	Breeders' Cup Challenge Series: Royal Ascot	NBCSN
Noon	FanDuel Racing	MSGSN
12:30 p.m.	America's Day at the Races	FS2
3:30 p.m.	America's Day at the Races	FS1
	BOWLING	
1 p.m.	PBA Elite League: Battle of the Brands – Prelims	CBSSN
3 p.m.	PBA Elite League: Battle of the Brands – Championship	CBSSN
	AFL FOOTBALL	
1 a.m. (Sun.)	Western Bulldogs at St. Kilda	FS2

Tennis

ATP Cinch Championships

At The Queen's Club; London; Purse: Euro2,583,330; Surface: Grass; (seedings in parentheses):
Men's Singles - Quarterfinals

Brandon Nakashima, United States, def. Alex de Minaur (1), Australia, 7-5, 6-3.
Francisco Cerundolo (7), Argentina, def. Arthur Fery, Britain, 7-6 (1), 3-6, 6-4.
Tommy Paul (8), United States, def. Alejandro Davidovich Fokina (4), Spain, 6-3, 7-6 (4).
Ugo Humbert, France, def. Rinky Hijikata, Australia, 6-1, 6-2.

ATP Terra Wortmann Open

At Gerry Weber Stadium; Halle, Germany; Purse: Euro2,583,330; Surface: Grass; (seedings in parentheses):
Men's Singles - Quarterfinals

Taylor Fritz (5), United States, def. Ben Shelton (3), United States, 6-7 (5), 7-6 (8), 7-6 (3).
Alexander Zverev (1), Germany, def. Raphael Collignon, Belgium, 7-6 (10), 7-6 (2).
Daniel Altmaier, Germany, def. Daniil Medvedev (4), Russia, 6-4, 6-7 (6), 6-4.

WTA Rothesay Open Nottingham

At Nottingham Tennis Centre; Nottingham, Great Britain; Purse: $283,347; Surface: Grass; Centre (seedings in parentheses):
Women's Singles - Quarterfinals

Marie Bouzkova (4), Czechia, def. Tatjana Maria, Germany, 7-5, 6-0.
Karolina Pliskova, Czechia, def. Talia Gibson, Australia, 7-5, 6-4.
Emma Navarro (3), United States, def. Jessica Bouzas Maneiro, Spain, 7-6 (6), 6-2.
Viktorija Golubic, Switzerland, def. Ann Li (5), United States, 6-3, 2-6, 6-3.

The POST Line

MLB
Saturday

Favorite	Money Line	Underdog
YANKEES	$156-193	Reds
PHILLIES	$149-184	**Mets**
TIGERS	OFF	White Sox
ASTROS	$118-144	Guardians
ATHLETICS	OFF	Angels
Red Sox	$103-125	MARINERS
MARLINS	$116-141	Giants
BRAVES	$110-134	Brewers
Pirates	$170-211	ROCKIES
Blue Jays	$104-126	CUBS
RANGERS	$135-164	Padres
RAYS	OFF	Nationals
D'BACKS	$111-135	Twins
DODGERS	$205-257	Orioles

Home team in CAPS

FIFA World Cup
Saturday

Favorite	Money Line	Underdog
*Netherlands	$140-350	Sweden
**Germany	$190-425	Ivory Coast
***Ecuador	$900-2000	Curacao
****Japan	$185-525	Tunisia

*Houston, **Toronto, ***Kansas City, Mo.,
****Monterrey, Mexico

Sunday

Favorite	Money Line	Underdog
*Spain	$900-2000	Saudi Arabia
**Belgium	$225-575	Iran
***Uruguay	$220-650	Cape Verde
****Egypt	$160-450	New Zealand

*Atlanta, **Los Angeles, ***Miami,
****Vancouver,

WNBA
Saturday

Favorite	PTS (O/U)	Underdog
DREAM	4.5 (175.5)	Fever
MERCURY	7.5 (160.5)	Storm
WINGS	8.5 (170.5)	Sky

CFL
Saturday

Favorite	PTS O/U)	Underdog
Argonauts	1.5 (54.5)	REDBLACKS
Alouettes	3 (50.5)	ELKS
Roughriders	1.5 (50.5)	Stampeders

STITCHES

Let's play 2: Padres, Marlins

Double vision. I see two games. It's time I had a good time; ain't got time to wait. So we will play both. Hoping my Double Vision doesn't get the best of me.

No days off for the Padres' Walker Buehler. He has shown up in his last three starts, allowing three runs over 15 ²/₃ innings and is 3-1 on the road. The Rangers' Nathan Eovaldi has given up 16 runs in his last 25 ²/₃ innings. Play $100 on the Padres ... and ... the Giants are in Miami. Frisco's Trevor McDonald coughed up a quick four runs in a loss to the Cubs. The Marlins' Max Meyer is 7-0 after limiting the Pirates to one run over six strong. $50 on Max and the Marlins.

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Erick Fedde didn't start, but he was still tagged with the loss after the Tigers shredded the White Sox 4-3. Brandon Eisert started. He left faster than President Trump on Meet the Press after allowing two quick runs. Fedde wasn't much better. Loss takes us back to -171 wilburwoods.

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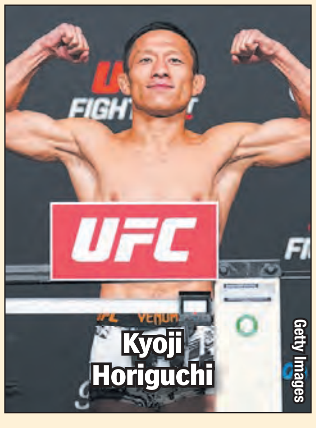
MMA

UFC Fight Night: Kape vs. Horiguchi
Saturday in Las Vegas

NAME	ODDS	NAME	ODDS
Manel Kape	-155	Bia Mesquita	-575
vs. Kyoji Horiguchi	+130	vs. Melissa Mullins	+425
Ion Cutelaba	+250	Allan Nascimento	-166
vs. Navajo Stirling	-310	vs. Mitch Raposo	+140
Hyder Amil	+164	Gaston Bolanos	+330
vs. Christian Rodriguez	-198	vs. Michael Aswell Jr.	-425
Melsik Baghdasaryan	+260	Leon Shahbazyan	+280
vs. Murtazali Magomedov	-325	vs. Levan Chokheli	-355
Vinicius Oliveira	-290	Karol Rosa	-115
vs. Andre Fili	+235	vs. Luana Santos	-105
Andre Lima	-625	Shane Collins	-218
vs. Kevin Borjas	+455	vs. Otari Tanzilovi	+180



Kyoji Horiguchi
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TOP PLAY

Peralta will pile up the K's vs. Phillies

By DYLAN SVOBODA

After a day off to make way for the World Cup, the Mets and Phillies continue their three-game series Saturday in Philadelphia.

Freddy Peralta will take the mound against his new National League East rival, bringing with him a history of missing bats against this lineup.

Results have been mixed for the right-hander since being traded from the Brewers last offseason, but the swing-and-miss profile still makes him appealing in this spot.

Peralta has made one start per season against the Phillies since 2022, and he has consistently given them problems, allowing one earned run or fewer in each outing.

He's been nearly unhittable in those appearances, giving up just nine knocks in 21 innings while striking out 33 batters.

With so much continuity in the Phillies' lineup, he gets to face a lot of those same bats Saturday.

Five of Philadelphia's best hitters — Bryce Harper, Kyle Schwarber, Trea Turner, Alec Bohm and J.T. Realmuto — are hitting a combined .156 with 27 strikeouts in 64 career at-bats versus Peralta.

Peralta also has cleared his strikeout prop number in each of those four starts against Philadelphia, showing that his success has not just been run prevention. He has struck out at least six in all four outings and eight or more in three of them.

He has been able to finish Phillies hitters when he gets ahead, and this version of the lineup still carries plenty of swing-and-miss.

With a team-wide strikeout rate of 23.3 percent that was tied for the sixth highest in the majors heading into Friday's play, I'm targeting Peralta's punchout line for his latest go against these Phillies.

THE PLAY: Freddy Peralta strikeout prop, Over.

FREDDY PERALTA

Pitching Form

		(Game time)	2026		*REC	'25 vs OPP		CAREER vs OPP	LAST 3 STARTS		
			W-L	ERA		W-L	ERA		W-L	IP	ERA
Mets	Peralta (R)		5-5	3.90	8-7	0-0	0.00	0-2	2-1	17.0	4.24
Phillies	Sánchez (L)	(7:15pm)	8-3	1.82	10-5	1-2	6.08	3-4	2-1	19.2	3.20
Reds	Abbott (L)		4-4	3.95	8-7	—	—	1-0	0-1	17.0	3.71
Yankees	Warren (R)	(1:35pm)	7-1	3.47	12-2	—	—	0-0	1-0	14.1	3.14
Blue Jays	Corbin (L)		2-3	4.57	6-7	0-0	6.75	5-2	0-2	11.2	8.49
Cubs	Rea (R)	(2:20pm)	5-5	5.35	5-6	—	—	1-1	1-1	15.1	6.46
Padres	Buehler (R)		4-3	4.14	9-5	0-1	8.31	1-2	1-0	15.2	1.72
Rangers	Eovaldi (R)	(4:05pm)	6-7	4.22	7-7	0-0	0.00	2-2	1-1	18.2	5.30
Nationals	Mikolas (R)		2-5	5.29	3-3	0-1	13.50	0-4	1-1	17.2	3.06
Rays	TBD	(4:10pm)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Orioles	Rogers (L)		3-7	5.86	4-9	0-0	3.38	0-0	1-1	17.1	3.12
Dodgers	Yamamoto (R)	(10:10pm)	7-4	2.52	9-4	0-0	1.04	0-0	3-0	21.2	0.83
Twins	Bradley (R)		5-3	4.14	7-6	0-0	4.50	0-1	0-2	15.2	7.47
D'backs	Gallen (R)	(10:10pm)	3-5	5.35	6-9	0-0	0.00	0-1	0-1	16.1	6.06
Red Sox	Suarez (L)		2-3	3.21	6-7	1-0	2.70	2-0	0-0	16.1	3.86
Mariners	Miller (R)	(10:10pm)	3-0	1.54	3-2	0-1	7.71	0-3	2-0	19.0	0.95
White Sox	TBD		—	—	—	—	—	0.00	0-0	0.0	0.00
Tigers	Melton (R)	(1:10pm)	3-0	2.80	3-1	0-0	1.29	1-0	2-0	20.0	3.15
Guardians	Cantillo (L)		5-3	4.38	11-4	0-0	0.00	0-1	1-1	14.0	7.71
Astros	Arrighetti (R)	(7:15pm)	7-2	2.57	9-2	1-0	3.60	1-0	0-1	16.0	6.19
Angels	Ureña (R)		4-5	2.60	5-6	—	—	0-0	2-1	18.0	3.00
Athletics	Ginn (R)	(10:05pm)	5-3	2.91	9-4	—	—	1-2	2-0	17.2	3.06
Red Sox	Early (L)		5-5	3.81	5-9	0-0	0.00	0-0	0-3	14.2	7.36
Mariners	Hancock (R)	(10:10pm)	5-3	3.28	8-6	1-0	3.00	1-0	1-1	15.0	5.40
Brewers	Harrison (L)		8-1	2.47	11-2	0-0	0.00	0-0	2-0	14.0	5.79
Braves	Sale (L)	(4:10pm)	8-5	2.30	8-5	1-0	1.29	2-0	1-2	16.1	3.86
Giants	McDonald (R)		2-4	4.64	4-4	0-0	0.00	0-0	0-2	13.2	5.27
Marlins	Meyer (R)	(4:10pm)	7-0	2.75	11-4	0-0	0.00	0-0	2-0	18.1	1.96
Pirates	Skenes (R)		6-6	2.85	6-9	1-0	0.00	2-0	0-1	16.2	2.70
Rockies	Sugano (R)	(9:10pm)	7-4	4.54	9-5	0-0	0.00	0-0	3-0	15.0	6.60

*** REC:** Won-lost record of pitcher's team in games he has started.

Home Team Lineups

HOME AWAY

	TODAY June 20	SUN June 21	MON June 22	TUE June 23	WED June 24
	Cincinnati 1:35 YES 660 AM 101.9 FM	Cincinnati 1:35 YES 660 AM 101.9 FM	Detroit 6:40 YES 660 AM 101.9 FM	Detroit 6:40 YES 660 AM 101.9 FM	Detroit 6:40 Prime Video 660 AM 101.9 FM
	Philadelphia 7:15 Fox 880 AM	Philadelphia 7:20 NBC Peacock 880 AM	Cubs 7:10 SNY 880 AM	Cubs 7:10 SNY 880 AM	Cubs 7:10 PIX11 880 AM
	NO GAME	Los Angeles 8:00 ESPN	NO GAME	Las Vegas 10:00 My9 USA	NO GAME

Wednesday, July 22		Wednesday, July 22		Friday	
	FIFA World Cup Break until July 22		FIFA World Cup Break until July 22		KC Current 8:00 Prime Video

SPORTS SHORTS

MLB: Braves top Brewers, Misiorowski

Jacob Misiorowski lost for the first time in two months as the Braves scored two runs against the Brewers' ace for a 3-2 victory in the first game of a three-game series between NL division leaders Friday night in Atlanta.

● In Arlington, Texas, **Jacob deGrom** struck out nine over six innings to win on his 38th birthday, even after giving up a grand slam to **Ty France** in the first, and the Rangers beat the Padres 9-7 in a wild series opener.

● In Seattle, Red Sox pitcher **Ranger Suarez** lost his no-hit bid against the Seattle Mariners when **Josh Naylor** doubled with one out in the seventh inning. The Red Sox would hold on to win the game 6-2.

● In Chicago, **Carson Kelly** hit his second career grand slam in Chicago's seven-run first inning and finished with a career-high six RBIs as the Cubs routed the Blue Jays 16-2. The Cubs won for the sixth time in eight games.

● In Miami. **Owen Caissie** was a triple shy of the cycle and hit a go-ahead sacrifice fly as the Marlins beat the Giants 4-3. The Marlins are a major league-best 12-4 in June.

● In St. Petersburg, Fla., **Jonathan Aranda** hit a three-run home run and the Rays beat the Nationals 5-2 to open a 10-game homestand.

NFL: Simmons cashes in on big extension

Titans defensive tackle **Jeffery Simmons** cashed in on his first All-Pro selection with a record-setting deal. Tennessee announced Friday the 28-year-old signed a multi-year contract extension.

The Titans did not share terms of the deal, but ESPN.com and NFL Network both reported the three-year extension is for $35.3 million per year with $100 million guaranteed — making Simmons the highest-paid defensive tackle in league history.

NHL: 3-time Stanley Cup winner Toews retires

Jonathan Toews announced his retirement, ending a decorated NHL career that included three Stanley Cups with the Blackhawks, two Olympic gold medals with Canada and a comeback season with his hometown Jets.

The 38-year-old center returned to the NHL in 2025-26 after a two-year absence related to Chronic Immune Response Syndrome and long COVID, recording 11 goals and 18 assists while appearing in all 82 games for Winnipeg.

● Two-time Stanley Cup winner **Ron Francis** rejoined the Penguins as a special advisor for hockey operations. The Hall of Fame forward played eight of his 23 NHL seasons in Pittsburgh, winning back-to-back championships in 1990-91 and 1991-92.

GOLF: Yan shoots 66 at breezy Blythefield

Jing Yan shot a 6-under 66 to take the second-round lead in the Meijer LPGA Classic at Blythefield Country Club in Belmont, Mich., the final event before the major KPMG Women's PGA Championship next week at Hazeltine.

ODDS & ENDS

WORLD CUP

Saturday
Netherlands vs. Sweden

3-WAY BETTING	ODDS
Netherlands	-135
Tie	+280
Sweden	+360

TOTAL GOALS	ODDS
Over 2.5	-144
Under 2.5	+118

ANYTIME GOAL SCORER	ODDS
Memphis Depay (Neth)	+140
Donyell Malen (Neth)	+195
Cody Gakpo (Neth)	+200
Viktor Gyökeres (Swe)	+230
Alexander Isak (Swe)	+360

Germany vs. Ivory Coast

3-WAY BETTING	ODDS
Germany	-195
Tie	+360
Ivory Coast	+490

TOTAL GOALS	ODDS
Over 2.5	-168
Under 2.5	+136

ANYTIME GOAL SCORER	ODDS
Kai Havertz (Ger)	+140
Jamal Musiala (Ger)	+195
Florian Wirtz (Ger)	+200
Leroy Sané (Ger)	+230
Amad Diallo (IC)	+360
Ange-Yoan Bonny (IC)	+390

Ecuador vs. Curaçao

3-WAY BETTING	ODDS
Ecuador	-900
Tie	+900
Curaçao	20/1

TOTAL GOALS	ODDS
Over 3.5	+132
Under 3.5	-162

ANYTIME GOAL SCORER	ODDS
Enner Valencia (Ecu)	-145
Gonzalo Plata (Ecu)	+140
John Yeboah (Ecu)	+145
Alan Minda (Ecu)	+160
Pedro Vite (Ecu)	+260

Saturday/Sunday
(midnight)
Tunisia vs. Japan

3-WAY BETTING	ODDS
Tunisia	+600
Tie	+310
Japan	-195

TOTAL GOALS	ODDS
Over 2.5	+106
Under 2.5	-130

ANYTIME GOAL SCORER	ODDS
Ayase Ueda (Japan)	+160
Daizen Maeda (Japan)	+200
Junya Ito (Japan)	+260
Ritsu Doan (Japan)	+320
Keito Nakamura (Japan)	+360

BET SMART

Swedes, Dutch are not firing blanks

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HEROES, NOT ZEROES: The Post's Sean Treppedi is betting both teams will score when Alexander Isak (above) and Sweden take on the Netherlands on Saturday.

By SEAN TREPPEDI

Buckle in for takeoff in Houston on Saturday.

Sweden and the Netherlands meet at NRG Stadium on Matchday 2, both riding highs off their opening World Cup performances.

Blågult scooped up three points to surge to the top of Group F in a 5-1 thrashing of Tunisia. It's not often you see conversion at such scale, but chalk it up to a pure tactical mismatch.

Premier League superstars Alexander Isak and Viktor Gyökeres repeatedly punished Tunisia's defensive mistakes and poor transition coverage while the North Africans' midfield structure crumbled whenever possession was lost.

The Swedes enjoyed a perfect opponent to play into their strengths — so much so that Tunisia sacked its manager after the humiliation for several boneheaded decisions. Now comes the group favorite Dutch, who won't just roll over with their far more organized structure.

The *Oranje* settled for a 2-2 draw against Japan in their opener — a match where they controlled possession for long stretches and looked dangerous whenever they got their wide attackers — Crysencio Summerville to be specific — in space.

They took the lead twice. The problem was the Dutch became passive while ahead and allowed Japan to tie it in the 89th minute. The discipline could be a lot better, though if there's anything the *Oranje* proved resoundingly, it's that they can move the ball into dangerous areas and create chances.

Oddsmakers are nodding to the Dutch, who reflect a market-best price of -135 at DraftKings on the three-way moneyline. On the reverse, you can grab Sweden as long as +425 or a draw for +310.

Rather than back a side in a volatile matchup or expect another draw from a redemptive Netherlands group, I'm OK with the juice on both teams to score. After all, these are the two best offensive teams in Group F, as the Dutch deploy the deepest attack while the Swedes counter with the isolated star power in Isak and Gyökeres.

The Netherlands are the better possession team — it's just a matter of whether they can convert against Sweden's three-back system. Despite owning a healthy 59.8 percent in possession, the Dutch projected only 0.8 expected goals.

Midfielder Frenkie de Jong pilots the Dutch tempo and finds those high-quality scoring areas. Sweden is bound to spend long stretches defending him deep and with the touted wide threats of Summerville and Donyell Malen stretching defensive lines, we can bank on the *Oranje* seeing no shortage in chance volume.

Blågult has scoring efficiency going for them. They buried five goals with an 11 percent lower possession clip than the Netherlands and projected 0.5 more in expected goals.

Considering the vulnerability the Dutch just displayed in transition, we're primed to see Sweden's physical stars strike against some unsettled structure.

Both teams scored in 19 of 28 World Cup games heading into Friday's slate. The best price out there is the -135 tag bet365 is offering for this game to end without a blank on either side.

With a game script featuring two teams who can generate in opposite states, that's a nice discount.

NEW YORK POST ACTION

Post Time: **1:10 p.m.**
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Belmont at the Big A

Analysis by Vic Cangialosi

Lock of the Day
Spirit Of New York (7th)
Lock Record: 10 for 17 (59%)
Meet Record: 58/200 $273.84

1 6 fur(T); $90,000; alw; 4up

Six races on the turf including the early Pick 3. **SHAPE NOTE** is now 5 for 9 on grass after winning by 4+ lengths. **COMMUTED** MTO. 3 for 3 over the wet. **WAR STRIDE** Dirt to turf for Weaver. 0 for 2 on grass. Midpack 5th at 38-1 last try. Rider change to Rodriguez. **NIAGARA SKYLINE** ran 2nd behind Shape Note.

PN	Horse Wt.	Jockey	Last 3	Trainer	Odds
1	Straight Arrow(L),121	J Lezcano	5-6-3	Dini	6-1
2	Niagara Skyline(L),121	R Silvera	2-6-6	Abreu	5-1
3	Masseto(GB)(L),121	E Zayas	5-3-5	Casse	7-2
4	War Stride(L),121	J Rodriguez	3-5-8	Weaver	8-1
5	Keewaydin(L),123	M Franco	5-8-1	Walden	9-2
6	Shape Note(L),123	D Davis	1-5-3	Maker	6-5
7	Commuted(L),123	M Franco	8-1-1	Rice	1-1

2 6 fur; $40,000; clm($16,000); 4up

A tired 4th and 6th for **SPIRIT DRAGON**. Arriaga takes him lower. Won by 4 lengths last time he raced this shorter distance. Rider change to Silvera. **BURNINHUNKOFLOVE** is 1 for 8 at Aqueduct after finishing 4th at this distance. Won comfortably racing for 16k here last November. Not since. Maybe today off the Rice claim. **LOOMS BOLDLY** led, gave way, racing 7 panels. 6 of his 7 wins earned at this shorter distance.

PN	Horse Wt.	Jockey	Last 3	Trainer	Odds
1	Riyadh Moon(L),121	K Carmouche	6-4-6	De Paz	9-2
2	Kunshan Bridge(L),121	M Franco	9-3-2	Kantarmaci	5-1
3	Spirit Dragon(L),123	R Silvera	6-4-3	Arriaga	7-2
4	Neuschwanstein(L),121	O Hrndz Mreno	8-9-8	Romero	10-1
5	Burninhunkoflove(L),121	J Rodriguez	4-7-2	Rice	2-1
6	Looms Boldly(L),123	E Zayas	3-7-5	Kantarmaci	5-2

3 1 mile(T); $83,000; alw; 3up

Late lead for **IRON MAX** but he was outkicked in the final 1/16th. Brad Cox shaves the 1/16. Won 3 straight last summer. Gets back to business. **ANNEXPERIENCE** won by more than a dozen lengths...but in the slop. 1 for 7 on grass. Runnerup last 2 tries. **MO TRUMP** ships from Tampa. Won wire-to-wire, then last of 8 at this distance. **JUST FOR LUCK** was a last-to-first winner at the Big A in May. Repeat in cards. **JACK AND JIM** is 2 for 2. But the wins were in 2024. Think the stretch runner needs a race?

PN	Horse Wt.	Jockey	Last 3	Trainer	Odds
1	Mo Trump(L),126	C Elliott	8-1-5	Ferraro	5-1
2	Just for Luck(L),126	J Lezcano	1-6-1	R Dutrow	7-2
3	Annexperience(L),126	K Carmouche	1-2-2	Englehart	5-2
4	Iron Max(L),126	J Rodriguez	2-5-1	Cox	3-1
5	Jack and Jim(M),126	M Franco	1-1-x	Motion	4-1
6	Cable Ready(L),126	R Silvera	4-3-3	Dixon	5-1
7	Shipsational(L),126	S Gonzalez	2-3-6	Kantarmaci	4-1
8	Three B's(L),126	S Civaci	1-10-2	Rice	3-1
9	Beary Funny(L),126	Rider TBA	3-4-6	Rodriguez	4-1
10	Jackson Heights(L),126	M Franco	5-2-7	Kantarmaci	5-1

4 6 fur(T); $48,000; mdn clm($50,000); 3up(f)

We saw Linda Rice's **FIVE DOZEN ROSES** and Carlos Martin's **MY LIL ARMY GIRL** run home 2-3 here last month. Both can move forward and are co-faves today. And Franco rides the debuting **ANNA BROCKNANA**, a Central Banker filly for Weaver.

PN	Horse Wt.	Jockey	Last 3	Trainer	Odds
1	Sonoranite(L),121	D Rivera	6-x-x	Donk	10-1
2	You Know Better(L),126	S Civaci	7-6-6	Abreu	8-1
3	Just One More(L),126	C Elliott	4-8-2	Green	6-1
4	Sunshine Dakotah(L),121	C Gonzalez	x-x-x	Chichakly	20-1
5	Five Dozen Roses(L),126	D Davis	2-4-2	Rice	3-1
6	Aqua Blaze(L),121	K Carmouche	5-5-3	Trombetta	10-1
7	Anna Brocknana(M),121	M Franco	x-x-x	Weaver	6-1
8	Gattatiz(L),126	E Zayas	7-5-7	James Bond	12-1
9	My Ballerina(L),121	J Rodriguez	4-x-x	Levine	10-1
10	My Lil Army Girl(L),121	J Lezcano	3-4-6	C Martin	4-1
11	Ms Nikki D(L),121	K Davis	11-x-x	Ferraro	20-1

5 7 fur; $60,000; alw; 3up(f)

Eleven at bats, one home run for **BASEBALL LADY**. Finished well to be a close 2nd last out. Rice gives her another furlong to get there. Carmouche replaces Rodriguez. Moves to **TIMIA** who has been 2nd best 3 times here this spring. Won only start at 7/8. **TWIRLY** Turf to dirt off the layoff for Mott. Broke maiden gate-to-wire last dirt start. Not likely to wire this field off the break but using in deep exotics with **AP SLINGSHOT**. Won narrowly last start at this distance.

PN	Horse Wt.	Jockey	Last 3	Trainer	Odds
1	Timia(L),126	J Rodriguez	2-2-2	Potts	2-1
2	Baseball Lady(L),121	K Carmouche	2-4-2	Rice	5-1
3	Lady Delilah(L),126	D Davis	1-4-3	Ferraro	15-1
4	A. P. Slingshot(L),126	M Franco	3-1-3	Levine	7-2
5	Twirly(L),126	J Lezcano	5-6-2	Mott	6-1
6	Amy's Light(L),126	D Rivera	3-3-4	Pringle	10-1
7	Our Preferred Pal(L),126	R Silvera	6-1-5	Englehart	6-1
8	Scarlet's Dream(L),126	C Elliott	5-1-2	Brion	6-1

6 1 1/16 miles(T); $45,000; clm($20,000); 4up

Back to the turf for Chatterpaul's **HIGH TIDE**. It's his preferred surface. 7 of his 9 wins were earned on the lawn but he hasn't been on the green since 2024. **EXPENSIVE CUT** MTO. Has a win over the wet. **LATE CALL** is 1 for 15 over the last 2 years. Ran evenly, 2 lengths short at Monmouth last out. Carmouche gets a pace to chase.

PN	Horse Wt.	Jockey	Last 3	Trainer	Odds
1	Shared Success(L),123	E Zayas	5-5-5	Begg	15-1
2	Bar Fourteen(L),121	C Elliott	2-3-7	B Brown	7-2
3	Polar Bear Plunge(L),123	M Franco	5-6-5	Kantarmaci	8-1
4	High Tide(L),121	J Lezcano	4-3-4	Chatterpaul	9-2
5	Life and Light(L),123	R Silvera	3-4-4	Pringle	10-1
6	Good Bali(L),121	R Gutierrez	8-7-6	Bhigroog	10-1
7	Late Call(L),121	K Carmouche	6-3-3	Ryan	2-1
8	Barnstorming(L),121	S Civaci	5-8-9	B Brown	4-1
9	Fever Night(L),123	J Lezcano	1-1-5	Rice	9-5
10	Register(L),123	Rider TBA	3-5-1	Kantarmaci	3-1
11	Expensive Cut(L),121	S Gonzalez	2-3-4	Kantarmaci	5-2

7 6 fur(T); $150,000; New York Stallion Stake; 3YO

The Spectacular Bid division of the New York Stallion Series. **SPIRIT OF NEW YORK** is the only 2-time turf winner in the field. Won the Bongard at this distance last year. **SCULCOS FOLLY** has won 4 in a row, the latest in the Mike Lee. Again if we're off turf. **SUNDAY BOY** Stake winner on dirt; 0 for 3 on turf. 3rd with allowance last try. Defeated top pick on dirt. **NESSUNA PAGINA** is 2 for 2. Both Ws on the dirt at Finger Lakes. Carmouche on the wildcard.

PN	Horse Wt.	Jockey	Last 3	Trainer	Odds
1	Daisy Doo,120	D Davis	3-8-4	Ribaudo	20-1
2	Hurricane Kaz,120	E Zayas	3-2-4	Synnefias	20-1
3	Wit Storm,120	K Davis	4-1-3	Tagg	7-2
4	Spirit of New York,124	M Franco	7-4-1	Rice	3-1
5	Dancingwithdestiny,115	J Lezcano	5-3-1	Dini	6-1
6	Illmatic,120	J Rodriguez	3-2-1	Clement	4-1
7	Sunday Boy,124	C Elliott	3-3-1	Ryerson	9-2
8	Miami Kaz,120	S Gonzalez	7-3-3	Synnefias	20-1
9	Nessuna Pagina,122	K Carmouche	1-1-x	Barrow	6-1
10	Sculcos Folly,124	J Rodriguez	1-1-1	R Dutrow	4-5

8 7 fur; $41,000; mdn clm($35,000); 3up

Debut day for **KINGS LANDYN**. Miceli trains the King For A Day 3YO. Offers fair 1st out value with Gutierrez up. The M/L favorite, **MO CURLS**, is 0 for 7 but moves lower for Rudy Rodriguez. Silvera subs for Rodriguez who moves to **INONIT**. He's 0 for 15 but has hit the board last 3 starts.

PN	Horse Wt.	Jockey	Last 3	Trainer	Odds
1	Tony Hooks(L),121	C Elliott	6-8-x	Giglio	20-1
2	Gitole(M),121	D Davis	9-x-x	Baker	6-1
3	Zeus Lightning(L),126	K Carmouche	12-4-4	Ryan	10-1
4	Dinner Royale(M),121	M Franco	6-x-x	Green	8-1
5	Mo Curls(L),121	R Silvera	6-5-2	Rodriguez	3-1
6	Inonit(L),126	J Rodriguez	2-3-3	Lugovich	4-1
7	Always Honest(L),121	E Zayas	6-3-4	Jimenez	9-2
8	Kings Landyn(M),121	R Gutierrez	x-x-x	Miceli	8-1
9	Violin(M),121	D Rivera	9-x-x	Jimenez	15-1
10	Big Brooklyn(L),121	J Lezcano	8-3-3	C Martin	10-1

9 7 fur; $29,500; clm($15,000); 3up

RED MILLER missed by 2 lengths then 3, last pair. Won only start at 7 panels. Terranova takes blinkers off. Davis stays on; so do we. **SHELLAC** scored handily then last of 8 next out. Rebound in cards moving sharply lower for Rice. **RESIDE** About 3 lengths shy racing comparable company. **CHARLIE CHARMER** graduated by thismuch on his 4th attempt. Tough spot for repeat.

PN	Horse Wt.	Jockey	Last 3	Trainer	Odds
1	Monte Avi(L),126	J Rodriguez	6-4-1	Hennig	12-1
2	Shellac(L),126	J Lezcano	8-1-4	Rice	3-1
3	Red Miller(L),126	D Davis	4-5-4	Terranova II	4-1
4	Reside(L),121	R Gutierrez	4-2-6	Charlerie	9-2
5	Charlie Charmer(L),121	K Carmouche	1-2-8	Rodriguez	8-1
6	Detail Oriented(L),126	E Zayas	10-6-6	Kantarmaci	20-1
7	Solutions(L),126	D Rivera	1-7-10	Donk	10-1
8	Fiscal Drag(L),126	K Davis	8-4-3	Ferraro	15-1
9	Divine Peace(L),126	O Hrndz Mreno	5-1-8	Jimenez	12-1
10	Tapwrits Temper(L),126	M Franco	4-2-6	Potts	9-2

10 6 fur(T); $48,000; mdn clm($50,000); 3up(f)

Wide open. **GARDEN OF GRACE** falls to maiden claimers for Weaver after a close 3rd. Rodriguez on..blinkers off. **TUTHILLTOWN** Dirt to turf and lower for Brissett. Lost by a head lone grass start. **COME MONDAY** (Clement/Franco/Independence Hall) makes career debut.

PN	Horse Wt.	Jockey	Last 3	Trainer	Odds
1	Raynham Hall(L),121	C Elliott	3-4-3	Rodriguez	5-1
2	Stella Fortuna(L),121	R Gutierrez	7-x-x	Miceli	20-1
3	Garden of Grace(L),126	J Rodriguez	3-4-2	Weaver	7-2
4	Adroit(M),121	K Davis	x-x-x	Ferraro	20-1
5	Tiz Improbable(L),121	O Hrndz Mreno	7-x-x	Richards	30-1
6	Avery's Wonderland(M),121	R Silvera	5-5-5	R Dutrow	10-1
7	Pismo Beach(M),121	D Rivera	8-x-x	Donk	15-1
8	Tuthilltown(L),121	E Zayas	6-2-3	Brisset	4-1
9	Waitin'onapromise(L),121	J Lezcano	x-x-x	Rice	6-1
10	Mischievous Jo(M),121	D Davis	x-x-x	Schettino	15-1
11	Jenny Wade(L),121	K Carmouche	7-8-x	De Paz	15-1
12	Come Monday(M),121	M Franco	x-x-x	Clement	9-2

PLAY OF THE DAY

Berning Beauty (19-1) raced wide and finished 4th of 6. Loss of -$40.

Two for Saturday. Bet $30 to win on Spirit Of New York in Race 7. Play $4 across the board on Kings Landyn in Race 8 and a $4 double using both. — *Vic Cangialosi*

Aqueduct Results

FIRST-5½ fur; $85,000; mdn spl wt; 2YO
3 Grg's Wrrr (Alvrd) 5.54 3.78
5 Banker Bull (Prat) 3.66
Scr: Defrost
● $1 Exacta (3-5) $11.50

SECOND-7 fur; $55,000; mdn cl($55,0); 3up
5 Noble Hertg (Zys) 4.72 2.22
3 Twenty Two Blck (Ellott) 2.52
Scr: Old Time Rocknroll
● $1 Daily Double (3-5) $10.22 ● $1 Exacta (5-3) $3.90 ● $1 Quinella (3-5) $2.45

Quinella picked by Vic C

THIRD-7 fur; $46,000; clm($20,000); 3YO F
3 Pwr f Wmn (SntnJr.) 3.36 2.82 2.10
2 Ishkabibble (Gonzalez) 9.54 4.38
4 So Vain (Carmouche) 2.16
Scr: Maxisure
● $1 Pick 3 (3-5-3) $12.86 ● $1 Daily Double (5-3) $3.79 ● $1 Exacta (3-2) $20.81 ● $0.1 Superfecta (3-2-4-5) $13.16 ● $0.5 Trifecta (3-2-4) $29.34

Winner picked by Vic C (Lock)

FOURTH-6 fur; $60,000; st alc($40,000); 3up
5 Magn (Crmouche) 4.56 2.74
3 Majestic Arc (Davis) 5.04
Scr: Apollo Code, The Toy Cannon
● $1 Pick 3 (5-3-5) $5.52 ● $1 Daily Double (3-5) $4.03 ● $1 Exacta (5-3) $8.50 ● $1 Quinella (3-5) $5.98

FIFTH-1 mile; $85,000; mdn spl wt; 3up
7 Into the Lght (Dvs) 33.20 13.64 6.34
8 Askd nd Answrd (Rdrgz) 18.42 6.86
6 Mo the Merrier (Elliott) 3.12
● $1 Pick 3 (3-5-7) $52.06 ● $0.5 Pick 4 (2/5-1/3-1/2/5-7) $52.34 ● $0.5 Pick 5 (3-2/5-1/3-1/2/5-7) $245.38 ● $1 Daily Double (5-7) $48.12 ● $1 Exacta (7-8) $204.06 ● $0.1 Superfecta (7-8-6-1) $323.58 ● $0.5 Trifecta (7-8-6) $388.32

SIXTH-1 mile 1 fur; $83,000; alw; 3up
6 Ez Roll (Davis) 6.92 3.48 2.42
2 Whttngton Park (Franco) 3.82 2.56
3 Concorde Spirit (Carmouche) 2.28
● $1 Pick 3 (5-7-6) $157.18 ● $1 Daily Double (7-6) $56.65 ● $1 Exacta (6-2) $13.92 ● $0.1 Superfecta (6-2-3-4) $9.51 ● $0.5 Trifecta (6-2-3) $15.18

SEVENTH-6 fur; $88,000; alc; 3up
4 Bt nd Strk (Lzcno) 21.86 9.82 5.28
5 Pvotl Moment (Rodrguz) 17.86 7.82
9 Soontobeking (Santana,Jr.) 7.58
Scr: Itza Teamster, Protected, Without Borders, White Smoke Rising, Chasing Freedom, Pair of Socks
● $1 Grand Slam (3/5-6/7/8-2/3/6-4) $41.01 ● $1 Pick 3 (7-6-4) $1109.37 ● $1 Daily Double (6-4) $60.46 ● $1 Exacta (4-5) $143.56 ● $0.1 Superfecta (4-5-9-3) $371.34 ● $0.5 Trifecta (4-5-9) $607.69

EIGHTH-1 1/16 mile; $57,000; cl($55,0); 3up
4 Chummers (Prat) 7.96 5.04 3.42
1 In the Dark (Rodriguez) 5.10 3.74
6 Tim and Sam (Santana,Jr.) 5.02
Scr: CallingCard, GallantOne, SwssArmyKnife
● $1 Pick 6 (1/3-1/2/5-7-6-4-4/8/10/11) $108.81 ● $1 Pick 6 (1/3-1/2/5-7-6-4-4/8/10/11) $10935.93 ● $1 Pick 3 (6-4-4) $199.26 ● $0.5 Pick 4 (7-6-4-4/8/10/11) $1436.65 ● $0.5 Pick 5 (1/2/5-7-6-4-4/8/10/11) $5074.09 ● $1 Daily Double (4-4) $66.78 ● $1 Exacta (4-1) $16.60 ● $0.1 Superfecta (4-1-6-3) $39.70 ● $0.5 Trifecta (4-1-6) $55.20

U.S. Open tee times

Saturday: (a) denotes amateur
Third Round
9 a.m.: Dylan Wu, Jacob Bridgeman
9:11 a.m.: Chris Gotterup, Eric Lee (a)
9:22 a.m.: Peter Uihlein, Caleb Surratt
9:33 a.m.: Marek Fleming (a), Robert MacIntyre
9:44 a.m.: Nico Echavarria, Hideki Matsuyama
9:55 a.m.: Bud Cauley, Neal Shipley
10:06 a.m.: Laurie Canter, Michael Kim
10:17 a.m.: Jackson Koivun (a), Miles Russell (a)
10:33 a.m.: Patrick Rodgers, Emiliano Grillo
10:44 a.m.: James Nicholas, Angel Hidalgo
10:55 a.m.: Jordan Spieth, Joaquin Niemann
11:06 a.m.: Russell Henley, Dustin Johnson
11:17 a.m.: Ryan Fox, Michael Brennan
11:28 a.m.: Pierceson Coody, Max Greyserman
11:39 a.m.: Kurt Kitayama, Tyrrell Hatton
11:50 a.m.: Cameron Young, Sungjae Im
12:06 p.m.: Adrien Dumont de Chassart, Spencer Tibbits
12:17 p.m.: J.T. Poston, Ben Griffin
12:28 p.m.: Andrew Putnam, John Parry
12:39 p.m.: Jackson Van Paris, Ben James
12:50 p.m.: Tommy Fleetwood, Ludvig Åberg
1:01 p.m.: Keegan Bradley, Johnny Keefer
1:12 p.m.: Ben Kohles, Justin Rose
1:28 p.m.: Corey Conners, Aaron Rai
1:39 p.m.: Zac Blair, Max McGreevy
1:50 p.m.: Niklas Nørgaard, Alex Fitzpatrick
2:01 p.m.: Scottie Scheffler, Brian Harman
2:12 p.m.: Maverick McNealy, Rory McIlroy
2:23 p.m.: Keith Mitchell, Akshay Bhatia
2:34 p.m.: Gary Woodland, Ryo Hisatsune
2:50 p.m.: Ryder Cowan (a), William Mouw
3:01 p.m.: Sahitih Theegala, Sam Burns
3:12 p.m.: Harry Higgs, Justin Thomas
3:23 p.m.: Collin Morikawa, Tom Kim
3:34 p.m.: Sam Stevens, Xander Schauffele
3:45 p.m.: Matt Fitzpatrick, Wyndham Clark

NWSL

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
San Diego	8	4	1	25	19	13
Utah Royals FC	7	2	3	24	18	10
Portland	7	3	3	24	20	14
Washington	6	2	3	21	18	9
Gotham FC	6	2	3	21	12	5
Kansas City	7	5	0	21	18	17
North Carolina	5	3	3	18	17	13
Orlando	5	5	2	17	18	17
Denver Summit FC	4	4	3	15	17	13
Seattle	4	5	2	14	10	13
Houston	4	6	2	14	14	19
Angel City	4	6	1	13	16	14
Bay FC	3	6	2	11	9	17
Boston Legacy FC	2	7	3	9	11	19
Chicago	3	9	0	9	5	24
Louisville	2	8	1	7	15	20

NOTE: Three points for victory, one point for tie.

Friday, July 3
Houston at Washington, 8pm
Kansas City at Denver Summit FC, 9:30pm
Orlando at Angel City, 10pm
Saturday, July 4
North Carolina at Seattle, 6:30pm
San Diego at **Gotham FC**, 8:45pm
Sunday, July 5
Boston Legacy at Bay FC, Noon
Chicago Stars at Utah Royals, 5pm
Portland Thorns at Racing Louisville, 7pm
Friday, July 10
Orlando Pride at Kansas City, 8pm
Racing Louisville at Bay FC, 8pm
Boston Legacy at Chicago Stars, 8pm
Utah Royals at **Gotham FC**, 10pm

NASCAR

NASCAR Cup Series Schedule
June 21 — Andruil 250, San Diego
June 28 — Save Mart 350, Sonoma, Calif.
July 5 — eero 400, Joliet, Ill.
July 12 — Quaker State 400 Available at Walmart, Hampton, Ga

HOME-GROAN LOSS

IN YOUR FACE: Cassandre Prosper of the Mystics blocks a shot by the Liberty's Satou Sabally during the first half Friday at Barclays Center. Jason Szenes

Liberty streak ends at 8 as late shots don't fall

By BRIDGET REILLY

This time, the Liberty didn't have it late in the game.

No Sabrina Ionescu late-game layup arrived to save them — nor a deep 3-point try from her in the final seconds.

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In a foul-and-whistle-happy game, the Liberty snapped their eight-game win streak, the longest active winning streak in the league, in a messy 86-83 loss to the Washington Mystics at Barclays Center after two missed chances in the final 11.8 seconds.

Following a Mystics timeout, Kiki Iriafen got past the Liberty defense for a layup and went on to shoot the winning foul shots following Breanna Stewart's missed layup and fifth personal foul.

After an inbounds play, the Liberty put the ball in their star 3-point shooter's hands, but Ionescu didn't have the magic touch. A last-second Hail Mary attempt from Satou Sabally didn't make the cut either.

The loss came after the Liberty barely beat the Sky on Wednesday, winning by only a point in yet another sloppy game. They fell short at home Friday in the Juneteenth Unity game.

"It really sucks," Leonie Fiebich said after the loss. "I really hate losing, especially like that at home."

"We gotta stay connected," coach Chris DeMarco said. "Just read the game. A few different things hurt us but I think overall we gotta continue to learn how to play with the lead and take care of the ball when it matters, and make sure we are getting quality shots when it matters."

After the game, Stewart blamed herself for Iriafen's decisive layup, as she stepped up to stop Sonia Citron from entering the paint, leaving the All-Star forward open under the rim.

"Basically I saw that she [Irafen] was on her hip and it led to the easy dunk for Kiki," she said. "So, definitely a miscue on my part."

Iriafen finished with 20 points and Citron added 16.

It didn't always look like the game would go this way for the Liberty, who can usually seem to find an answer.

With under seven minutes to play, the Liberty retook the lead following two 3-pointers from Marine Johannes and Fiebich.

Stewart then went down the other end to score a layup before she followed with a rebound that led to Jonquel Jones at the line for two points. Shortly after that, the two-time MVP stole the ball from Shakira Austin, and the Liberty converted two points on the other end for an eight-point lead — their largest for the game — with under five minutes to play.

However, that advantage was soon spoiled by poor passes and poor transition defense as an Iriafen layup and a Michaela Onyenwere steal and two points tied it up at 79-79 with two minutes to go.

"Good question," Johannes said when asked why the Liberty lost their lead. "They were just running the floor and we lost the momentum. And then, tie game, we made some fouls that didn't really help us. So, just little stuff like that."

Stewart and Fiebich powered most of the Liberty's late-game scoring, ending with 16 points and 19 points, respectively. Sabally finished with 13 off the bench and Jones added 10.

The Liberty will embark on a four-game West Coast trip starting Sunday against the Sparks as a tuneup for the Commissioner's Cup final against the Aces on June 30.

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Ex-Libs forward enjoying career revival with Mystics

By BRIDGET REILLY

LIBERTY NOTES

The Liberty's former Rookie of the Year is having a bounce-back season and it only took a career pivot, a national championship and some consistency to get there.

Michaela Onyenwere, a Mystics forward, was drafted as the sixth overall pick by New York in 2021 and went on to claim the award after averaging 8.6 points across 32 games, including 29 starts. However, her rookie momentum didn't carry into the following season when she only started one game and averaged half the amount of points.

The Liberty ended up letting her go and Onyenwere went on to bounce around the league until UCLA women's basketball head coach Cori Close called her former player to offer an assistant coach position for the 2025-26 team.

"If you would have asked me a year ago if I would be coaching, I would say there's absolutely no way," Onyenwere told The Post ahead of Friday's 86-83 Mystics win over the Liberty at Barclays Center. "It was just a great opportunity. I love UCLA down. I would pick it over and over again."

At just 26, Onyenwere brought professional knowledge to the team and helped push the Bruins on to their first national championship. She then came to Washington simply for an opportunity to contribute consistently, unlike her other years in the league. It has seemingly made the difference in reviving her game.

Going into Friday, the forward was averaging a career-high 12.7 points and she continued with a strong showing against her former team, scoring 11 points.

➤ **Sabrina Ionescu** scored nine points Friday in her third game in a row. The star guard is continuing to work her game back up after missing three weeks of action due to back soreness.

"It's tough because we don't really practice," **Marine Johannes** said of her teammate after the loss. "So, it's hard for her maybe to come back and play like every two games, and we understand that. It's not easy after a month out. We trust her. We know it can take time sometimes but she's still Sab. She's a great player."

Ionescu was a minus-7 for the Liberty along with committing four turnovers against three assists.

Heading into Friday's game, coach Chris DeMarco said he expects "ups and downs" as they ramp her up to get her in a rhythm for the first time this season.

➤ **Betnijah Laney-Hamilton** (left knee management) was out Friday after she received an injection in her surgically repaired left knee.

A NEW ’MANN

Chilean fashions nifty second-round recovery after Thursday meltdown

By MARK CANNIZZARO

Player meltdowns occur in virtually every U.S. Open — particularly those played at diabolical Shinnecock Hills.

Few will forget Phil Mickelson in 2018 playing hockey with his own moving golf ball on the 13th green in the third round, exasperated that he couldn’t get it to stop on the slick, undulating surface and taking a 10 on the hole.

Early Thursday evening, it was Joaquin Niemann, a 27-year-old uber-talent from Chile who plays on LIV Golf, with a club-tossing implosion on the sixth hole.

Niemann, however, somehow recovered to turn in a magnificent second-round 5-under-par 65 and not only make the cut but stay on the cusp of contention at 3-over.

Niemann made a mess of the 480-yard, par-4 sixth hole by hitting two tee shots out of bounds. Play was suspended due to darkness before he would end up taking a quintuple bogey 9 on when he finished playing the hole Friday morning.

Insult was added to injury when, after Niemann completed his first round, the USGA assessed him a two-stroke penalty for throwing a club, violating Rule 1.2b, which states “serious misconduct.”

That turned his score on the hole into an 11, seven shots over par on it, and left him with an 8-over 78 in his first round, 14 shots behind first-round leader Wyndham Clark. He was at even par before he got to No. 6.

“I was playing good golf, I got expectations, I would like to win this tournament, as anybody here,” Niemann said afterward.

“I hit two terrible tee shots, came out of nowhere. Hitting the golf ball at 8:30 p.m., I felt like my body wasn’t quite there. Two bad swings (and) then got pretty frustrated.

“I’m not someone that (is usually) in that behavior,” he added. “I’m the first one to judge myself when I don’t behave on the golf course. That was a misbehave from my part. I felt a little bit extra penalized with the two-shot penalty, but … I’m going to learn from it. It definitely kind of helped me a little bit to have a better (second) round.”

Niemann, who had 37 minutes between the end of his calamitous first round and the start of his second round, somehow composed himself to shoot a 65 to climb to 3-over for the week, inside the cut line and 10 shots behind Clark.

“It was hard,” he said. “It took me probably 30 minutes to get over it, then two minutes to hit some tee shots, two putts, and then go out. (I made) a nice birdie on the first and the second, so, yeah, it was a good start.”

Niemann credited “a good team around me” for helping him recover mentally after he’d been informed of the penalty.

“I was frustrated (and) they were trying to get me up,” he said.

There was a report from The Athletic that quoted a marshal on the sixth hole saying Niemann was angered when his third shot landed in a sandy spot with fire ants and had asked for a ruling to take a drop.

Niemann, however, did not use that as an excuse.

“Yeah, I had a bad lie on the third tee shot in between the fairways,” he said. “I saw a lot of ants there and I was just asking the referee if they were fire ants and he say, ‘No.’ I wasn’t angry asking him.

“After that shot, I hit it, I lay up, and the whole frustration went inside me. All the frustration that came inside me and had my club in my hand, and I couldn’t resist to throw it away. I’m not proud of it.”

Here’s the anatomy of the meltdown for Niemann, who’s the winningest player on LIV Golf with eight individual victories:

- He hit his first tee shot across a road and out of bounds.
- He re-teed and hit his second drive into the same place, out of bounds.
- His third tee shot landed in a native grass area that juts into the fairway.
- He then advanced his next shot just 113 yards from the thick lie.

At that point, with Niemann laying six, play was suspended for darkness at 8:25 p.m., leaving him to have to sleep on the nightmare, awaiting his seventh shot Friday morning when play resumed.

Niemann returned at 6:35 a.m. Friday and came up short of the green with his seventh shot.

He reached the green with his eighth shot and made one putt for what he thought was a 9.

The collapse dropped him from even par to 8-over and he fell more than 100 spots down the leaderboard, which is what made his recovery in the second round so remarkable.

“Sometimes, especially in these tournaments, it could go the other way,” Niemann said, “and this time it worked.”

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Last champion at Shinnecock headed home

By CHRISTIAN ARNOLD

The winner of the U.S. Open in 2018 — the last time the tournament was held at Shinnecock Hills — did not make the cut.

Brooks Koepka shot 10-over through the first two days and failed to make it into the weekend. He came into the U.S. Open dealing with a hand issue that created a tingling feeling in his left pinky and ring finger, which he admitted impacted his grip.

Koepka, who has won five major championships, struggled to find the rhythm, shooting a 73 on the first day and a 77 on Friday. He bogeyed eight holes during Friday’s round and struggled with his putting as the round got away from him during the final nine holes.

After Koepka hit his drive on the fourth hole into the rough and followed it with a shot into the bunker, he managed to punch out onto the green for a chance at par. The putt inside 12 feet missed the hole to the right and he ended up bogeying.

Koepka did not record a birdie in his final nine holes.

His missed cut snaps a streak of 11 straight made cuts at the U.S. Open.

Koepka wasn’t the only notable name to miss the number Friday. Viktor Hovland, J.J. Spaun, Adam Scott, Shane Lowery and Rickie Fowler were also among the group that didn’t make it into the weekend.

U.S. OPEN NOTES

➤ **Harry Higgs** had a “freak out” Thursday before his early morning tee time when he accidentally grabbed a pair of shorts instead of pants for his round at the U.S. Open, sending him into a scramble to find a pair of pants at the course.

Higgs had his caddie go try to find a pair of pants before a person who works for the Darrell Survey offered the golfer their pair, which Higgs said he would have “100 percent ripped them.” Nevertheless, he didn’t have to wear them long after his wife stepped in to save the day by rushing him his own pair.

“God love my wife. I called her at 5:30 in the morning, and she quick got out, grabbed me a pair of pants,” he said. “Shoot, grabbed me two just in case, trying to maybe make me look good. By about 6:15 before my 6:35 tee time, I had my own pair of pants.”

Higgs is inside the top 10 after the first two rounds, finishing his Friday round 2-under as he stands 1-under for the opening two days.

“Maybe I should do stuff like that more often,” he said jokingly

➤ **Cam Young** managed to play himself inside the cut line after finishing the first day 2-over. He shot even par on the second day to make into the weekend.

He had shot even through his first nine holes and didn’t record a bogey until the seventh hole, when he missed a par putt from roughly 12 feet out. He made up for it with a birdie on the eighth hole.

Fellow New York native **James Nicholes** also made the cut, his first time doing so in the U.S. Open, after posting a 3-over after 36 holes.

It's not-so-easy LIV-ing for 2 of game's big stars

By CHRISTIAN ARNOLD

After birdieing the 10th hole Friday morning, it looked like Dustin Johnson was on his way to making some serious noise heading into the weekend at the U.S. Open. By the time he finished the second round, he was closer to the cut line than the top of the leaderboard, where he had been hovering earlier in the day.

Johnson finished 3-over par to make the cut, along with five other LIV Golf players, but two of the league's biggest stars, Bryson DeChambeau and Jon Rahm, found themselves leaving the east end of Long Island earlier than expected. Rahm missed the cut for the second time in his last 27 major starts.

DeChamebau is just two years removed from his second U.S. Open win, but has missed the cut in consecutive U.S. Opens, as well as missing the cut in three straight majors.

DeChambeau and Rahm declined interview requests after their rounds, but DeChambeau had suggested he may miss the cuts in all four majors this year during an interview with Flushing It Golf earlier in the year.

"That's just golf," he said.

Johnson looked as though he could carry the LIV mantle as the big story of the weekend, sitting one back of the lead after the turn Friday, before the back nine got the better of him. The soon-to-be 42-year-old double bogeyed No. 11 before posting back-to-back bogeys and then taking an eight on the par-4 15th, changing the course of his day from being 4-under to 4-over.

"Very frustrating because I felt like I played really solid today," he said after his round. "Hit a lot of good putts that didn't go in and really, I hit a good shot on 11, but just the wind got a big gust and it came up short."

The U.S. Open performance from LIV's talent pool comes as questions continue to swirl surrounding the viability of the league after this season. The Saudi Public Investment Fund is withdrawing its financial support after this eason, forcing the rebel golf league to search for funding elsewhere.

Reports also have indicated that the PIF could pull its funding earlier than announced.

The questions have caused plenty of uncertainty for the futures of the players who have called the league home since its inception in 2022.

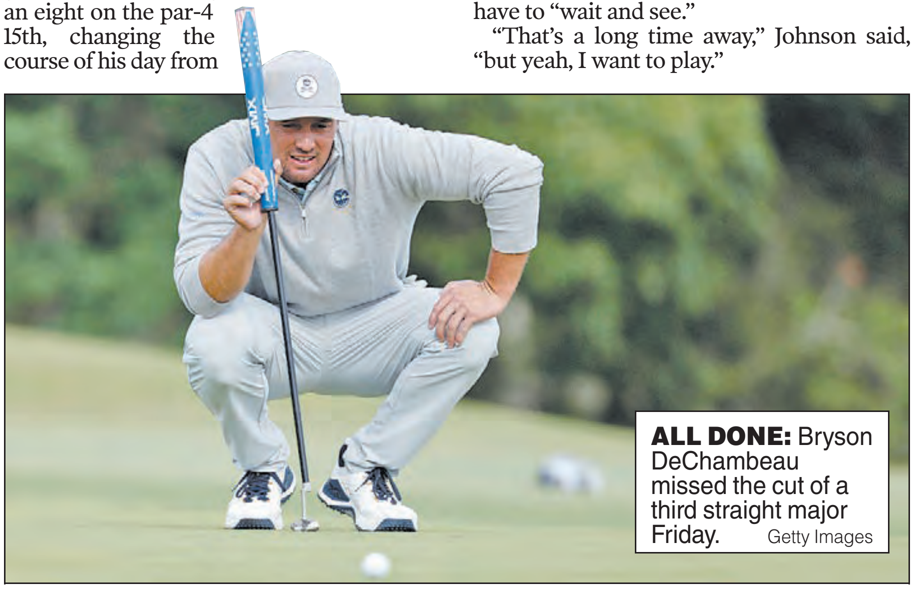
Asked whether the uncertainty surrounding the LIV situation weighed on his mind coming into the U.S. Open, Caleb Surratt told The Post it did not.

"It's all really out of my control," said Surratt, who joined LIV Golf in January 2024 and is playing in his first career major. "I'm a golfer and I kind of leave all that to the executives. We'll see what happens, but I just know that good golf takes care of everything. I'm just trying to get off to a good start in majors."

Though Johnson made the cut Friday, his exemption for future U.S. Opens will expire after this year. Asked if would he go through a qualifier next year if he didn't qualify through other means, Johnson said he would have to "wait and see."

"That's a long time away," Johnson said, "but yeah, I want to play."

WHERE IS EVERYBODY? Joaquin Niemann casts a lonely figure as he surveys things after hitting into the high stuff during Friday's second round of the U.S. Open. Niemann's day began with him finishing a darkness-shortened first round and then being assessed a two-shot penalty retroactively for throwing a club Thursday. Just more than 30 minutes later, he began his second round, rebounding nicely with a 5-under 65. Getty Images (2)



ALL DONE: Bryson DeChambeau missed the cut of a third straight major Friday. Getty Images

CHANGE IN THE

ALWAYS AN ADVENTURE: Wyndham Clark, celebrating a birdie on the 12th hole Friday at Shinnecock Hills Golf Club in Southampton, entered the weekend with a sizable U.S. Open lead, three years after winning the major and one year after destroying a locker at the same tournament. AP

Leader Clark works to put embarrassing Oakmont locker snafu firmly in past

Mark Cannizzaro

WELCOME to Wyndham Clark's redemption tour.

A year ago, Clark walked out of the U.S. Open as golf's Public Enemy No. 1 after losing his *$#&t* and taking it out on an innocent locker inside the venerable Oakmont Country Club's locker room.

Overcome with frustration from the way he had finished that U.S. Open, Clark smashed up his locker like Keith Moon from The Who trashing a hotel room on the road.

A year after LockerGate — perhaps much to the chagrin of the Oakmont membership — Clark is in the driver's seat to win his second U.S. Open in four years ... and perhaps gain back some public goodwill.

Clark, the winner of the 2023 U.S. Open at L.A. Country Club, takes a commanding four-shot lead through 36 holes entering the weekend, standing at 7-under par, a Shinnecock U.S. Open 36-hole record.

But Clark knows he's still got work to do — both on and off the golf course.

"I've gotten a lot of grief since last year, rightfully so," Clark said Friday following his second-round 69. "The thing that's unfortunate is that's not who I am, what happened last year. I'm hoping I can win back the fans that I had or some new fans because it was a terrible incident.

"I really feel like I can show people that I'm fun and outgoing, I'm fierce, competitive, love the game, respect the game, and I just had a bad moment. Hopefully I can win those people back."

Clark knows things can change quickly in the glare of the public eye. He's living it.

"I was on top of the world — in my game, at least — when I won the U.S. Open," he said. "Then next thing you know, I'm apologizing for breaking a locker the year later. With the mental game, there's ebbs and flows."

No one knows that better than Julie Elion, who has been Clark's mental coach for the past three years and is the author of a recently released book, "Mastering Your Mental Game."

Elion told The Post on Friday she believes "it's time to move on" from the locker room incident narrative.

She acknowledged that Clark's initial public apology was somewhat awkward because "at first, he wanted to move on too quickly."

"Now, he's actually like, 'OK, I've done the work, I've apologized,' " she said. "He's come such a long way emotionally and internally since then that he's able to make sense of it now. Progress does not come on a straight line.

"He's climbed up a mountain. He's plateaued. He's slipped down, like we all do. He's proved that he's willing to work on him-

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self, which I think is actually the most important part of the story.”

Clark’s assertion that he’s a guy who likes to have “fun,” was on full display at last week’s RBC Canadian Open, where he bought a Jack Hughes Team USA jersey from a spectator outside the ropes and wore it into the tournament’s par-3 “Rink” hole in Friday’s second round.

The maneuver — it was Hughes, of course, who scored the winning goal for the U.S. against Canada in the Olympic gold medal game — went over about as well as melting ice on Canadian ponds during hockey season.

And Clark knew it would, which was the point to it all.

“On Wednesday, I got to the 14th hole [and] I was with my manager and caddie, and I’m like, ‘Oh man, we should have a USA jersey; this would be perfect,’ ” Clark said. “So we looked to try to [get one sent] overnight, [but] it was just too difficult to get it into Canada. It wasn’t going to happen.

“Then on Friday on my 12th hole, I see a guy wearing a Hughes jersey, so I finished my putt, beeline it up to him and ask him if I could buy his jersey to wear it on No. 14. He was like, ‘Hell, yeah.’ I paid him 200 bucks, got his address, and I’m going to send it back to him.

“I was playing pretty decent, and I said, ‘All right, I’m just going to do it.’ I put it on in the tunnel, walked out [to the tee] and got a bunch of grief, which I knew I was going to do. Then fortunately, I followed it up with a birdie. That was awesome.”

Clark said he “loved the banter,” until he got to the 18th hole, where he said the fans’ reaction “maybe crossed the line” because he said it “almost took away” from Bud Cauley winning his first career PGA Tour event.

“I was a little bummed about that,” Clark said. “But I brought it on myself, so ...”

A year ago, Clark brought the wrath of Oakmont and the public on himself, and he’s been trying to rehabilitate the relationships ever since.

“I definitely feel like I’m in a better place,” he said. “Hopefully, a great weekend and great rest of the year, and maybe I’ll gain all those fans back.”

Then maybe everyone can move on, once and for all.

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U.S. Open essentials

at Shinnecock Hills Golf Club Southampton, LI

Leaderboard

Second round	Tot.
Wyndham Clark	-7
Xander Schauffele	-3
Sam Stevens	-3
Matt Fitzpatrick	-3
Tom Kim	-3
Collin Morikawa	-2
Noteables	
Justin Thomas	-1
Scottie Scheffler	E
Rory McIlroy	E
Ryder Cowan (a)	E
Justin Rose	+1
Cameron Young	+3
Chris Gotterup	+4
B. DeChambeau	+5 (MC)
Jon Rahm	+6 (MC)
Brooks Koepka	+10 (MC)

On the air

Today

10 a.m.-Noon, USA
Noon-8 p.m., NBC

Sunday

9 a.m.-Noon, USA
Noon-7 p.m., NBC

Fore-cast

Today

80 degrees, mostly sunny
1% chance of rain
Wind: WNW 17 mph

Sunday

78 degrees, sunny
7% chance of rain
Wind: W 9 mph

Notable pairings

Saturday

9:11 a.m.: Eric Lee (a), Chris Gotterup
10:55 a.m.: Joaquin Niemann, Jordan Spieth
11:50 a.m.: Sungjae Im, Cameron Young
2:01 p.m.: Brian Harman, Scottie Scheffler
2:12 p.m.: Rory McIlroy, Maverick McNealy
3:23 p.m.: Tom Kim, Collin Morikawa
3:34 p.m.: Xander Schauffele, Sam Stevens
3:45 p.m.: Wyndham Clark, Matt Fitzpatrick

IF THE PUTT FITZ ... Matt Fitzpatrick lines up a shot on the ninth green during second-round play, going on to reach the halfway mark of the U.S. Open tied for second at 3-under par. Corey Sipkin

Fitzpatrick, field scrambling to remain in hunt

By CHRISTIAN ARNOLD

Matt Fitzpatrick will spend part of his Saturday with one eye on the course and one eye on the leaderboard.

The Englishman, who asked for a challenge out of Shinnecock Hills during this week’s U.S. Open, got his wish and survived the test through the first two days, finding himself four back of the lead held by Wyndham Clark, who was 7-under through 36 holes. Fitzpatrick ended his second round on a high note, with birdies on Nos. 16 and 18 and shooting for par on 17.

“Obviously, two in the last three is always nice, especially at a U.S. Open,” Fitzpatrick said after finishing 3-under par. “Didn’t really feel like I made too much up until those two holes, really. Struggled a little bit off the tee on the back nine, but overall scrambled incredibly well to be where I am.”

It was a notable feat considering Clark had been the standard-bearer through the second round after breaking out in the first, following the delayed start Thursday, and finishing his first 18 early Friday morning.

He continued to hold the top spot, finishing the second day of the tournament with birdies on 12, 13 and 18, while only bogeying twice in the round. Clark won the U.S. Open in 2023 but made headlines last year after missing the cut and taking his frustration out on a locker inside the dressing room at Oakmont, but he is hoping to move on from the incident.

Two days of good golf likely will help that, though he had hoped to be even further under par.

“I really felt like I could be in double digits, but you know, the great thing about that is I didn’t feel like I had my best, and I still am leading as of right now,” Clark said. “Hopefully, I can bring my ‘A’ game on the weekend.”

Fitzpatrick shot par through the front nine before he found himself going on a wild ride on the back end of the course, including hitting his ball onto the road that splits the fairway on 12.

The 31-year-old will start Saturday’s round four strokes back of Clark, on whom he will be keeping tabs during his own round, something he said he always does.

“You’ve always got one eye on where you are on the leaderboard. I do anyway,” he said. “I want to figure out where I’m at and whether things need to change. For the most part at a U.S. Open, it’s not like you can go flag hunting. I will say, some of these greens with where they have put the pins, you have a little bit more of a chance because most of them have to be pretty central just because of how slopy the greens are.

“There’s obviously some of that that I’ll take into account. But for the most part, trying to play my same game, and you know, hopefully make a few putts from distance and see where it ends up.”

He added later: “You have to stay patient, but you know, if you are chasing, you can’t really afford too many mistakes if you’re that many behind.”

Xander Schauffele, Tom Kim and Sam Stevens, who had the clubhouse lead at sunset Thursday, halting play for the first round, also were four back of the lead after the second round. Schauffele in particular had battled back from 2-over after Thursday before shooting 4-under during the second round.

Schauffele, a two-time major winner, credited patience to find the right “golf shots” as part of the turnaround Friday.

“I played great today. Pretty motivated after last night. Winds are laying down, and being in that easier wave and not taking advantage of it was a big bummer,” he said. “Pretty pumped to come out and shoot something low.”

Rory McIlroy didn’t make up much ground Friday, shooting a 1-over par during the second round, nor did Scottie Scheffler as he finished the first two days at even par.

Two of the biggest golfers in the world head into Saturday tied for 11th. Despite being seven strokes back of the lead, McIlroy seemed confident that there could still be ground to make up.

“If there’s a course where you feel like you still have a chance if you’re seven back going into the weekend like I am, it’s definitely this one,” he said.

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TOP PRIORITY

Ranking key Knicks free agents they will need back for another run at title

Landry Shamet

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MOHAMED DIAWARA

MITCHELL ROBINSON

By JARED SCHWARTZ

They've been celebrating together the past week. But will they continue playing together by the time next month starts?

On June 30, teams can begin negotiating with free agents. On July 6, teams can begin officially signing free agents.

And the Knicks have six of them from the championship-winning active roster (not counting two-ways) — Mitchell Robinson, Landry Shamet, Mohamed Diawara, Jordan Clarkson, Ariel Hukporti and Jeremy Sochan. Jose Alvarado has a $4.5 million player option, so let's ignore him for now until we know what his decision is.

In terms of the importance of bringing the free agents back, Knicks fans will have all sorts of different preferences and opinions. Let's break them down:

Mitchell Robinson

Robinson presents the most delicate and intriguing decision. He is coming off what was an extremely promising regular season, where he played 60 games and made a significant impact off the bench. But he was consistently played off the court in the playoffs with Hack-a-Mitch — he shot just 29.3 percent from the free-throw line — and broke a bone in his hand in a mysterious off-court incident. By the NBA Finals, he was unreliable. How much did the postseason affect his market? Can the Knicks depend on him — and his long injury history before this year — with a big contract? His memorable rebound at the end of Game 5 was a reminder of how impactful he can be as one of the league's best rebounders, particularly on the offensive glass.

Letting him walk would leave a big hole behind Karl-Anthony Towns at center — they would need to find another backup center. Robinson is also the longest-tenured Knick, having been drafted by the team in 2018. His market in free agency is a wild card given all the variables associated with him.

Landry Shamet

Shamet was a major bargain this year, having signed on a nonguaranteed, veteran minimum deal. Though he was streaky, he shot 39.2 percent from 3-point range in the regular season and 47.5 percent from deep in the postseason. He hit some of the biggest shots of the season, including a game-tying trey in the last minute of regulation during the Knicks' epic comeback in Game 1 of the conference finals against the Cavaliers. He also emerged — perhaps a bit under-the-radar — as one of the Knicks' better point-of-attack defenders.

His locker room presence should not be ignored, either — he never complained during periods when his playing time waned and did whatever was needed of him. He became a bit of a cult hero during the postseason. It is highly likely he will get offers much better than the minimum this free agency.

Mohamed Diawara

Though he wasn't in Brown's playoff rotation, Diawara showed tons of promise in the regular season with his athletic 6-foot-9 frame and growing offensive game. There were stretches in the regular season when he got consistent playing time and flourished. He already flashed a more polished skill set than most expected when the Knicks drafted him with the No. 51 pick last year.

After developing him this year, he is someone the Knicks should want to continue working with. He has the potential to carve out a significant role next year.

Jordan Clarkson

Clarkson, who was on a minimum deal, played a valuable role off the bench and provided veteran experience. He began the season in the rotation, went a long stretch glued to the bench and then returned to prominence down the stretch of the regular season into the playoffs.

A shot-happy gunner most of his career, he transformed his game and became a valuable rebounder, passer and on-ball defender in the second half of the year. He could theoretically be available on another minimum deal.

Ariel Hukporti

He completed his second season with the team and was only really used when others were hurt or in foul trouble. He is capable of holding his own defensively and in the rebounding department, but he has not shown much growth offensively.

Jeremy Sochan

The No. 9 pick in the 2022 draft, he signed with the Knicks midseason on a minimum deal after being waived by the Spurs. He is certainly energetic and a rabble-rouser, but he did not make much of an impact on the court for the Knicks.

After joining the Knicks, Brown initially gave him a run of games in the rotation, but that was short-lived and he hardly played any meaningful minutes in the postseason.

Of course, much of how this plays out depends on how the Knicks are able to maneuver their finances, what each player commands on the open market and on their willingness to go into the second apron (which owner James Dolan said he did not want to do).

But, after watching them all season, here is The Post's list of priorities:

1. Shamet: Often, he was their best bench player

2. Diawara: He might be on the verge of breaking out and becoming a real difference-maker.

3. Robinson: When he's clicking, there are few in the league who can match his rebounding and defensive prowess, but there are just so many question marks with him.

4. Clarkson: Should be cheap and a known quantity.

5. Hukporti: Replaceable.

6. Sochan: Replaceable.

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RHP Freddy Peralta

2026 stats:
5-5, 3.90 ERA

Career vs. PHI:
0-2, 3.12 ERA

Last start:
Sun., vs. ATL;
5 IP, 1 ER, 2 SO

PITCH BREAKDOWN

53%	23%	14%
4-Seamer	Change	Curve

LHP Cristopher Sánchez

2026 stats:
8-3, 1.82 ERA

Career vs. NYM:
3-4, 4.26 ERA

Last start:
Sun., at MIL;
5.2 IP, 4 ER, 3 SO

PITCH BREAKDOWN

43%	39%	18
Sinker	Change	Slid

UP NEXT

SUNDAY: at Phillies,
7:20 p.m., NBC, WHSQ
RHP Tobias Myers
vs. RHP Zack Wheeler

MONDAY: vs. Cubs,
7:10 p.m., SNY, WHSQ
RHP Kodai Sengas vs. TBD

INJURY REPORT

■ **Francisco Lindor** began a minor league rehab assignment with Double-A Binghamton on Friday. The shortstop could potentially rejoin the Mets early in the week.

RETURN IT AROUND

Getting Lindor back may be boost Mets need to climb out of cellar

Mike Puma

PHILADELPHIA — We last saw Francisco Lindor in a major league game on April 22, when he was reunited with Juan Soto for all of four innings following the outfielder's return from a calf injury.

Lindor's own calf discomfort running the bases as he scored from first base on a ball in the gap left the Mets without another star player.

The Mets won that night, beating the Twins to snap a 12-game losing streak, and since then are 26-25. Such mediocrity hasn't been enough to jump-start their season and we are left heading to the official start of summer wondering what to make of this team.

Lindor played for Double-A Binghamton on Friday in his first minor league rehab game since the injury, positioning him to potentially rejoin the Mets within a few days. It's a boost that this inconsistent bunch needs, and it might even extract the team from the NL East basement, but it's still a long road to playoff contention.

Lindor's history of slow starts leaves you wondering how much time he will need to morph into the player the Mets have come to expect. Time isn't a luxury for a team that will likely decide in the days immediately after the All-Star break whether to buy or sell ahead of the Aug. 3 trade deadline.

That gives the Mets less than a month of Lindor before reaching a critical juncture. It's fun to think of what this lineup can become with Lindor, Bo Bichette and Soto potentially atop the batting order — I would probably leave Carson Benge in the leadoff spot, by the way — but the reality is Lindor has barely faced live pitching in two months and will likely need time to adjust. He was off to a predictably slow start, with a .669 OPS, after missing most of spring training rehabbing from hamate bone surgery. And yet …

"He's one of the best in the game and we'll take one of the best in the game in this lineup every time," Marcus Semien said. "So being smart and getting ready — we'll see how he's feeling once he comes back."

If there has been any silver lining to playing without Lindor it's been the opportunity to insert Benge in the leadoff spot and watch the rookie emerge as a legitimate force offensively. The question of who will bat leadoff when Lindor returns is one manager Carlos Mendoza didn't want to touch when he was asked Thursday, likely because he needs to speak with the shortstop. There will also be conversations about Lindor occasionally starting as the DH.

Bichette has provided the Mets with respectable shortstop play in Lindor's absence, but the downside has been an overexposure to Brett Baty, who hasn't exactly thrived receiving everyday playing time at third base. The Mets can have three-quarters of their starting infield once Lindor returns, with it anybody's guess when we'll see Jorge Polanco play again and whether that will be at first base — the position for which he was signed to play as Pete Alonso's replacement.

The clamors for Luis Robert Jr.'s return are less given the manner in which rookie A.J. Ewing has performed in his absence, but that doesn't change the fact that, when healthy, Robert is a presence offensively and defensively. A right-handed bat who can produce consistently would help this team. Mark Vientos hasn't been that player. Francisco Alvarez has a chance to become that player, but let's see him healthy for a stretch first.

Soto and Lindor have played together in nine games this season. The Mets are 5-4 in those games, suffering through their epic losing streak while Soto was sidelined by his calf injury.

Let's see what this team can accomplish with its two best players together in the lineup, along with a surging Bichette. It may not be enough to overcome their shaky starting pitching, but it at least presents hope that enough can change over the next few weeks to position the Mets to remain in the mode of playing for this season.

Something like a 14-6 burst heading into the All-Star break, after Lindor returns, would send that message. Is it realistic? Probably not, given that the schedule won't provide much relief, but at least it would give this team a goal that extends beyond escaping the NL East cellar.

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'DOR IS WIDE OPEN: Francisco Lindor started a minor league rehab assignment on Friday and could return to the Mets' lineup as early as next week, giving the team a chance — as slight as it might be — to crawl back into the playoff picture.

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INJURY REPORT

- **Jazz Chisholm Jr.** was back in the lineup Friday after leaving Thursday's game in the middle of an at-bat when he fouled a ball off his groin area.
- **Max Fried** (left elbow bone bruise) threw a second bullpen session Friday, continuing to make progress in his recovery, with a return in early August looking possible.

ON DECK

vs. Reds

Saturday, 1:35 p.m.,
YES, WFAN (660 AM; 101.9 FM)

RHP Will Warren

2026 stats:
7-1, 3.47 ERA

Career vs. CIN:
First appearance

Last start:
Sun., at TOR;
4.0 IP, 8 H, 2 ER

PITCH BREAKDOWN

41%	27%	21%
4-Seamer	Sinker	Sweeper

LHP Andrew Abbott

2026 stats:
4-4, 3.95 ERA

Career vs. NYY:
1-0, 1.42 ERA

Last start:
Sun., vs. ARI;
5.0 IP, 4 H, 1 ER

PITCH BREAKDOWN

48%	21%	17%
4-Seamer	Sweeper	Changeup

UP NEXT

SUNDAY: vs. Reds,
1:35 p.m., YES, WFAN
RHP Gerrit Cole
vs. RHP Chase Burns

MONDAY: at Tigers,
6:10 p.m., YES, WFAN
LHP Carlos Rodón
vs. LHP Framber Valdez

CINCINNASTY

Schlittler delivers dominant performance, fans career-high 13 as Yanks blank Reds

By GREG JOYCE

YANKEES	**5**
REDS	**0**

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On Friday night, it was the Reds.

Next month, it may be the National League All-Stars that Cam Schlittler is starting against.

The Yankees' budding ace turned in a downright dominant outing Friday, striking out a career-high 13 across six shutout innings on the way to a 5-0 win over the Reds in The Bronx.

Lowering his ERA to 1.71 — the lowest by a Yankee through his first 16 starts of a season since Whitey Ford in 1964 — Schlittler added another highlight to his crowded résumé to start the All-Star Game for the American League. His biggest opponent Friday was his pitch count, as he needed 96 pitches to get through the sixth or else he might have kept going.

"He was feeling it tonight," manager Aaron Boone said.

The Reds (35-39), who entered the night with the second-highest strikeout rate (24.5 percent) of any team, fell right into Schlittler's hands as he became the first Yankee to record 13 strikeouts since Max Fried last September. The right-hander scattered just four hits (one of them a dropped fly ball by Jasson Domínguez in right field) while walking none as the Yankees (46-28) won for the 10th time in their last 13 games.

In the process, the 25-year-old Schlittler became the youngest pitcher in Yankees history to record 13 strikeouts and no walks in a game, according to MLB.com's Sarah Langs.

"It's been kind of tough the last couple starts, just been a grind, especially pitching in New York," Schlittler said. "I haven't done an excellent job over the past month or so pitching here. So it's important to go out there and have a dominant start."

Schlittler has spent the past few weeks working on his mechanics, getting down the mound without opening up his frame, and it finally clicked Friday. With a four-seam fastball that averaged 98 mph, a sinker that averaged 98.1 mph and a cutter that averaged 95.6 mph, his heat kept the Reds guessing all night long as he racked up 18 whiffs.

"We always expect to watch him go out and do something special, so it wasn't very surprising," said Ben Rice, who provided most of the offense with a three-run shot in the second inning.

Schlittler, who was not all that interested in thinking about a potential All-Star Game start next month in Philadelphia, at least acknowledged a social media post from Knicks star and freshly crowned NBA champion Josh Hart, who wrote, "Schlittly is the Cy Young winner hands down."

"That's a good thing to hear, Josh is a great guy," said Schlittler, who has gotten to know Hart. "I'm pumped for him and the city of New York, just being able to finish that off. It's great to have his support."

Jazz Chisholm Jr. led off the second inning with a home run and Rice capped it off with his 21st blast of the season to make it 4-0, giving Schlittler all the support he needed before Anthony Volpe added an RBI single in the eighth.

Jake Bird, Brent Headrick and David Bednar each threw a scoreless inning of relief to finish off the shutout.

Entering Friday, Schlittler's regular-season career high was nine strikeouts. He surpassed that by fanning Eugenio Suárez on a 99 mph sinker to end the fourth inning, when he struck out the side.

His overall career high was the 12 strikeouts he had in the AL wild-card series against his hometown Red Sox last October. But he beat that mark by the fifth inning, blowing a 98 mph heater past JJ Bleday for a three-pitch strikeout.

Schlittler's night actually got off to an inauspicious start, when his first pitch was a sinker that ran in and hit Blake Dunn. But by the time he walked off the mound for the final time, he received a standing ovation from the crowd of 42,420 for his efforts.

"I think it would be pretty cool to see him out there pitching in the All-Star Game," Chisholm said, "knowing he's one of the best pitchers in the world."

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Boone keeps faith Doval will improve despite

By GREG JOYCE

The Yankees have a Camilo Doval problem because Doval has a problem with left-handed hitters.

When the righty reliever gave up a grand slam to the left-handed hitting Andrew Benintendi on the first pitch he threw Thursday night, breaking a 1-1 tie in the eighth inning, it put a spotlight on his drastic platoon splits.

Right-handed hitters are batting just .132 with a .419 OPS in 58 plate appearances against Doval, who did not appear in Friday's 5-0 win over the Reds in The Bronx. But left-handed hitters are batting .368 with a .979 OPS in 60 plate appearances against him, which is largely responsible for his 5.08 ERA through 32 appearances.

"I feel like that will correct itself a little bit, because I feel like he's capable of getting lefties out," manager Aaron Boone said. "I feel like he's naturally going to be tougher on righties, just with his arsenal and the way he throws and his delivery. But just because it's been that drastic now doesn't mean that can't evolve and change a little bit. ... That's what the season's for. It doesn't mean that can't improve as we move forward."

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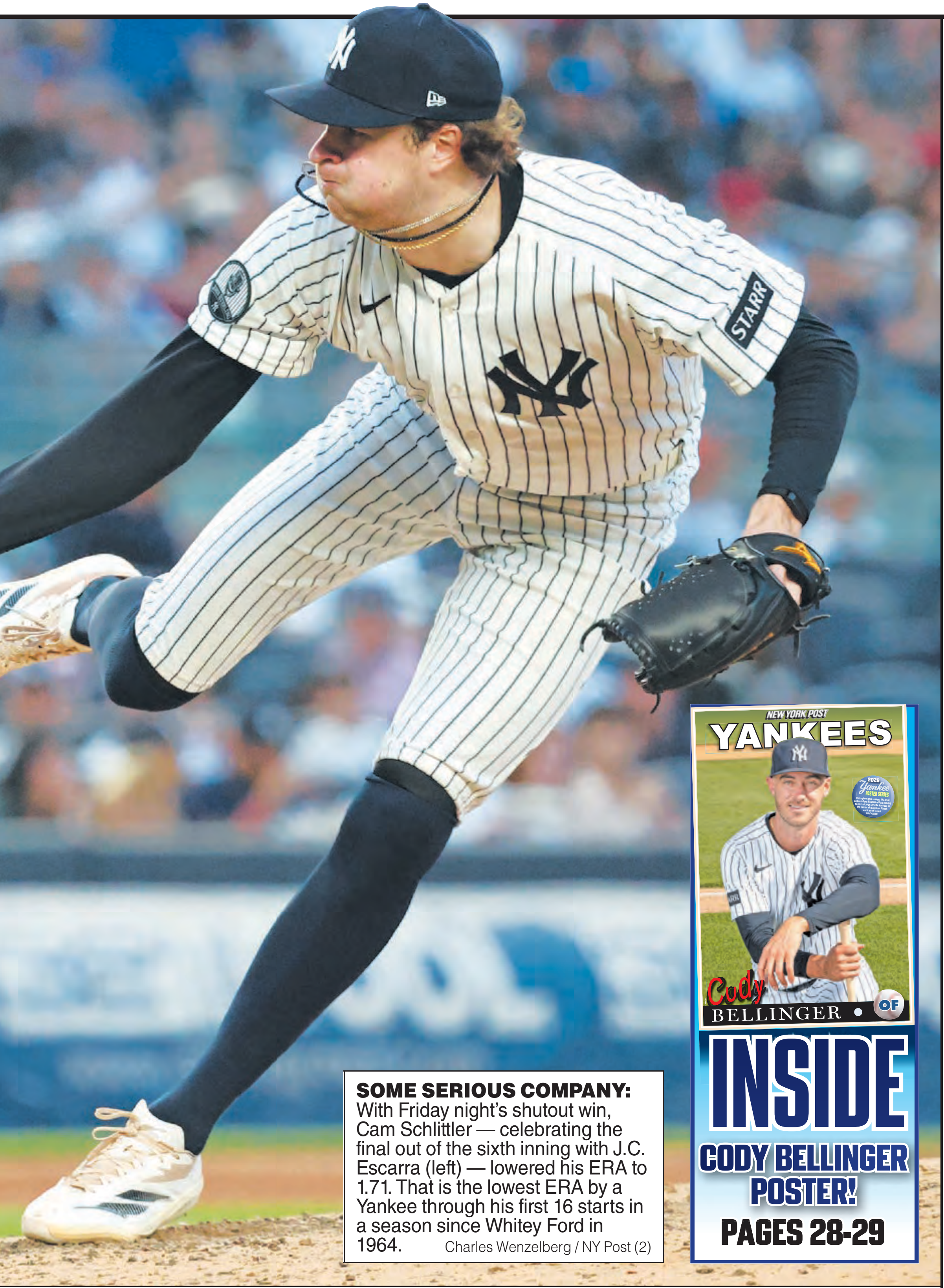

SOME SERIOUS COMPANY: With Friday night's shutout win, Cam Schlittler — celebrating the final out of the sixth inning with J.C. Escarra (left) — lowered his ERA to 1.71. That is the lowest ERA by a Yankee through his first 16 starts in a season since Whitey Ford in 1964. Charles Wenzelberg / NY Post (2)

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struggles vs. left-handed batters

is going to need reinforcements at the trade deadline, getting Doval right is one of the biggest internal solutions the Yankees could possibly find. The hard-throwing setup man has had a maddening season to date — at times looking dominant, but too often giving up damage that sinks a game.

Over the course of his career, Doval has naturally been better against right-handed hitters, but has not had this big a problem against lefties. Last year, he was actually better against them — allowing a .592 OPS compared to .652 against righties — while throwing his slider 49.7 percent of the time against lefty hitters.

This season, Doval has thrown his slider for just 17.1 percent of his pitches against lefties, leaning more heavily on his sinker (44.3 percent) and cutter (32) while recently adding a changeup (6.6) with some promising early signs. But lefty hitters are batting .417 with a .750 slugging percentage against the slider.

Jazz belts homer night after taking foul tip below belt

By GREG JOYCE

YANKEES NOTES

Never mind a cup.

The best way to not get hit where Jazz Chisholm Jr. did Thursday night is by hitting the baseball like he did on Friday.

A night after Chisholm exited Thursday's game mid-at-bat after fouling a ball off that bounced up into his groin area, he returned to the Yankees lineup on Friday and hit a changeup flush into the second deck in right field for a home run in a 5-0 win over the Reds.

"It felt great," said Chisholm, who has hit six of his 11 home runs over his past 18 games. "Leaving the game [Friday] night, not being able to stay in there and help my teammates win the game, to come in and start off the game and put us in front early felt great."

JAZZ CHISHOLM JR.

Chisholm was experiencing different feelings on Thursday, when he was writhing in agony after his foul bounced back up between his legs, describing his level of pain as "a million."

"If you ever got hit in the testicles, you would know," Chisholm said Friday afternoon.

Still, the second baseman said, "Hell no," when asked if he would start wearing a cup after Thursday's mishap.

"I've never had a reason to wear one," he said. "Now I have a reason to wear one, but it doesn't mean I'm going to wear one.

"It was mandatory in the minor leagues and I still never wore it. I'm just not a cup guy."

Aaron Boone took a different approach during his playing career as a third baseman.

"In December going to hit soft-toss, I put a cup on," the manager said.

"That's the difference between this generation and my generation. I did nothing without a cup, baseball related."

Chisholm indicated that his refusal to wear a cup had to do with his supreme confidence in his fielding ability.

"If you don't trust your hands, I recommend you wear a cup," he said.

Some of Chisholm's teammates were seen laughing in the dugout as he was tended to by a trainer — before it became clear he would have to leave the game — but he said they did not give him much grief once they knew he was OK.

"They just were asking me how my [testicles] felt," Chisholm said.

➤ Friday night was another win for **Matt Hyde**, the Yankees' Northeast Area scout who signed both **Cam Schlittler** and **Ben Rice**. Schlittler, a seventh-round pick out of Northeastern, struck out 13 across six scoreless innings while Rice, a 12th-round pick out of Dartmouth, hit a three-run shot, his 21st of the year.

"Yeah, but they come out of a hotbed of big league talent," Boone deadpanned before laughing. "It's remarkable, really, when you think about it, two Massachusetts kids.

"Obviously a great job by Matty Hyde and then all the people involved in helping them get here. They are obviously turning into two cornerstone pieces for us and, in their own way, dominating the league."

➤ **Austin Wells** (cervical headaches) played a third rehab game on Friday with Triple-A Scranton/Wilkes-Barre, going 0-for-4 with a walk while playing the full game (eight innings) behind the plate. Boone was noncommittal on whether Wells would continue his rehab assignment through the weekend, though it would not be surprising if he just meets them in Detroit on Monday.

➤ **Max Fried** threw a second bullpen session on Friday as he continues his recovery from a left elbow bone bruise. It remains to be seen when he might be cleared to advance to facing hitters, but a return in early August looks possible. ... Reliever **Peter Strzelecki** opted out of his minor league deal with the Yankees and became a free agent.

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Fans in Seattle provide USMNT 'extra motivation'

By MICHAEL DUARTE

SEATTLE — The sellout crowd of 66,925 fans arrived draped in red, white, and blue on a sun-splashed Friday afternoon in Seattle. Together they transformed Lumen Field into a temporary capital of the United States.

Australian supporters donned gold and green, and carved out small pockets throughout the stands. But the day belonged to the U.S. from the opening notes of the national anthem until the final chorus of "Take Me Home, Country Roads" after the match ended.

As the anthem echoed across the stadium, four Black Hawk helicopters thundered overhead, rattling the steel structure. In the stands, one fan dressed as a giant bald eagle balanced atop a friend's shoulders, flapping oversized wings as thousands sang along. It was equal parts patriotism, spectacle and absurdity — a perfect snapshot of the American sports experience.

And throughout the next 90 minutes the energy never dipped.

The USMNT fans sang along with the match's unofficial soundtrack. Early in the game AC/DC rang through the stadium (ironic considering the band is from Australia). Later came Journey's "Don't Stop Believin'," and during the second-half hydration break, tens of thousands of fans erupted to Bon Jovi's "Livin' on a Prayer." A fitting anthem at the time, because the U.S. was indeed halfway there.

"It was special. So special," striker Folarin Balogun said. "It's tough to put into words. It gave us the extra motivation we needed."

Yet the defining image arrived after the final whistle.

With the United States securing a 2-0 victory and officially punching its ticket to the knockout rounds, John Denver's "Take Me Home, Country Roads" poured from the stadium speakers. Almost immediately, the music disappeared beneath the voices of the fans.

The crowd became a choir. The speakers became unnecessary.

"I don't think half the team even know that song," captain Tim Ream said jokingly afterward. "It was just incredible. It's one of those moments where you're like, 'Is this real life?' "

On a day when the United States secured its place in the Round of 32, the victory mattered.

But the atmosphere may be what people who witnessed it will remember forever.

Brazil eliminates Haiti

Associated Press

WORLD CUP ROUNDUP

Vinícius Júnior scored and assisted on one of Matheus Cunha's two goals as five-time champion Brazil eliminated Haiti from the World Cup with a 3-0 victory on Friday night in Philadelphia.

Haiti, the Western Hemisphere's poorest nation that qualified for the World Cup for the first time since 1974, became the first team guaranteed not to reach the knockout round. Meanwhile, the Seleção got the decisive performance they needed.

Cunha, the Manchester United standout, got the start and showed with every surf-and-slide goal celebration why he should have been in the starting lineup in Brazil's listless 1-1 draw against Morocco. Brazil coach Carlo Ancelotti made the surprising decision in the opener to instead insert Cunha as a late substitute.

Cunha thrilled the Brazilian fans who made up the bulk of the 68,324 spectators at Lincoln Financial Field when he tapped in a rebound for his first career World Cup goal.

He then sent a left-footed strike into the upper left corner for a 2-0 lead in the first half against the overmatched Haitians.

Morocco 1, Scotland 0

In Foxborough, Mass., Ismael Saibari scored just 72 seconds into the game and Morocco beat Scotland 1-0 at the World Cup to keep alive its chances of advancing to its second straight knockout round.

"We wanted three points and we got them," Morocco coach Mohamed Ouahbi said.

HOW TO GET AHEAD IN LIFE: Alex Freeman jumps up to head the ball home to give the USMNT a 2-0 lead they would not relinquish against Australia on Friday in the World Cup. Fans in Seattle (inset) were ready to cheer on the U.S. squad.

AP; Imagn Images

By MICHAEL DUARTE

SEATTLE — The Freeman family has always had a flair for big moments in Seattle.

Nearly three decades ago, Green Bay Packers wide receiver Antonio Freeman terrorized the Seahawks in the Pacific Northwest. During one game in 1996, Freeman — who enjoyed a successful nine-year NFL career — had 108 yards and caught two touchdown passes at the old Kingdome.

On Friday afternoon, his son added another chapter to the family story.

Only this time, the cheers came from a soccer crowd.

"It's a full-circle family moment," USMNT defender Alex Freeman said. "He can be great, but I can be great in my own way. It's amazing to have a dad who's successful and can mentor me."

With the United States searching for a knockout blow against Australia, Freeman rose above the chaos inside the six-yard box and nodded home a crucial first-half goal that helped propel Team USA to a 2-0 victory at Seattle Stadium.

The win secured a place in the knockout rounds of the 2026 FIFA World Cup for the U.S. and put Mauricio Pochettino's side firmly in control of Group D with six points.

"Alex Freeman has the potential to be one of the best players in the world at his position," Pochettino said after the match.

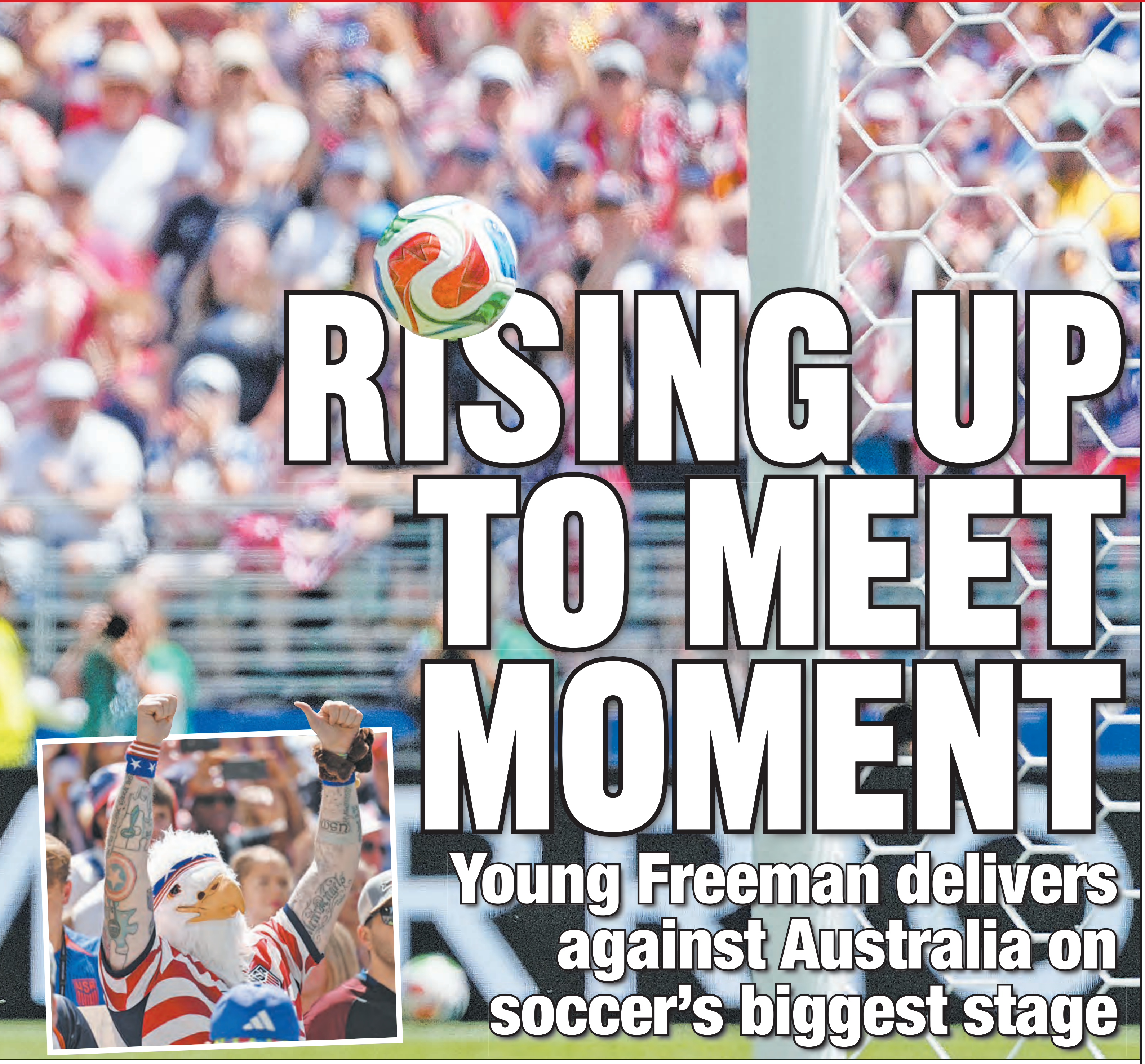
For Freeman, who made his senior national team debut just a year ago, it was another remarkable step in one of the fastest rises in American soccer history.

At 21 years old, Freeman arrived at this World Cup as the youngest player on the U.S. roster. He now leaves the group stage as one of its most important players.

The 6-foot-2 right back has become one of the engines driving Pochettino's system. Part defender, part midfielder, part attacker, Freeman is asked to cover

RISING UP TO MEET MOMENT

Young Freeman delivers against Australia on soccer's biggest stage



enormous stretches of grass while simultaneously helping build attacks and shutting down opposing wingers.

Yet nothing about Freeman's play suggests a player feeling the weight of the moment.

Against Paraguay in the tournament opener, he was arguably the United States' unsung hero. He won duels all over the field, helped launch the sequence that led to the opening goal and later added an assist in the 4-1 victory. His combination of size, athleticism and composure stood out on the sport's biggest stage that often exposes young players.

"I think he's got a fantastic future," said Folarin Balogun, who won Man of the Match for the second consecutive game. "He's a very humble kid. He's doing it on the biggest stage. I think he's got a bright future."

Against Australia, he took another leap forward. Literally.

After Sergiño Dest's shot was blocked and ricocheted high into the air, Freeman attacked the ball with confidence, beating Australian goalkeeper Patrick Beach to the spot, and headed it into the back of the net. The initial celebration was interrupted by an offside flag, but after a lengthy VAR review, the goal was awarded and the stadium erupted for a second time.

"I thought it was offside," Freeman admitted. "When it was ruled a goal, I looked back and saw all my teammates running after me. So I had to run away from them. It was a very emotional moment."

Born in Baltimore, Freeman spent his formative years in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., where he was a part of the Orlando City Academy. He exploded on to the MLS scene in 2022, earning Best XI honors, Young Player of the Year recognition and an All-Star selection. His breakout season in 2025 earned him a move to Villarreal in Spain, where he quickly forced his way into the lineup.

Now he is doing it on the sport's biggest stage.

"I've worked my whole life to be able to sing the national anthem in front of a home crowd of supporters playing for my country," Freeman said. "I can't be more grateful to be able to do that and to score ... it just makes me so happy."

The United States entered this World Cup searching for breakout stars capable of helping carry the program into a new era. Two matches into the tournament one of those breakout stars is a fearless 21-year-old whose last name already carried weight in the Emerald City long before he ever stepped onto the field.

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Left calf forces Pulisic to sit out

By ETHAN SEARS

SEATTLE — Captain America is on ice.

Christian Pulisic was out for the U.S. men's national team Friday against Australia after spending the week battling a left calf injury, leaving the Americans without their best player on a day they could clinch the top spot in their group.

USMNT NOTES

"Christian is not available and the evolution is really well," manager Mauricio Pochettino told Fox about 90 minutes before the 2-0 win over the Socceroos. "Today was training in the morning in the training camp. I think the feelings are good.

"I hope as soon as possible he can be ready to be selected again and be part of the team. Now we need to be focused and be part of the team, the players that are going to play. We have a very important game. Australia's going to be really tough. But of course a little bit sad because he wanted to stay, he wanted to participate today. It's still so early."

Without Pulisic, the Americans went with a two-striker setup, Ricardo Pepi starting alongside Folarin Balogun up top. That combination was a first under Pochettino.

With another week to work with and the U.S. having already clinched passage through to the knockout rounds, the pressure is — at least a little bit — off Pulisic's injury situation. If Paraguay earns a result against Turkey later Friday, clinching the top spot in Group D for the USMNT, there would be little need for Pulisic to play against the Turks next week anyway. Still, the situation will remain closely watched.

➤ Though **Tyler Adams** successfully avoided a yellow card, **Chris Richards**, **Antonee Robinson** and Balogun were all booked in the second half. Single yellow cards don't carry over after the group stage, but a second one — which triggers a suspension — would, making it crucial to avoid one next week.

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DREAM WORLD

U.S. rolls past Australia for knockout-round clinching win

By ETHAN SEARS

SEATTLE — The Avengers did it without Iron Man and Team USA did it without Captain America.

The week of drama that ended with Christian Pulisic being declared out with a left calf injury 90 minutes before kickoff Friday ended up feeling irrelevant by the end of a roaring afternoon in Seattle. The U.S. men's national team didn't need its best player to dispatch Australia 2-0, clinch passage into the Round of 32 and clinch the top spot in Group D, thanks to Paraguay's win over Turkey later in the night.

UNITED STATES	**2**	**Group D**
AUSTRALIA	**0**	

Friday marked the first time the U.S. men's team has won consecutive games at a World Cup since 1930.

From the way the USMNT never looked troubled to the sellout crowd belting the national anthem to the scenes in and around Seattle Thursday night into Friday, the momentum that started rolling last week in Inglewood feels like it has gained warp speed. The country is gathering behind this team, and the team is paying fans back in kind.

"I've told these guys that this is the most fun, special, enjoyable group that I've been a part of," 38-year-old captain Tim Ream said. "... There's something about this one that just feels different. As long as we continue to enjoy ourselves, we're going to be in a place where we want to be."

We knew coming in that the USMNT would dominate possession against a highly physical Australia side. Mauricio Pochettino threw a curveball, though, by replacing Pulisic with Ricardo Pepi, marking the first time under his tutelage the U.S. has played in a two-striker setup with Pepi and Folarin Balogun.

It worked. The U.S. stretched Australia's 5-4-1 formation, letting Weston McKennie rotate with Sergiño Dest on the right side while the two strikers took opportunities to get wide. Dest was splendid on the ball, taking every opportunity to show off his skill and making up for Pulisic's absence.

It was Balogun, though, who created the Americans' opener 11 minutes in, sprinting past his man on the left-side channel and playing a ball in for Pepi. Instead of reaching its target, Australia's Cameron Burgess knocked the ball into his own net before Pepi could touch it.

Right before halftime, a VAR intervention helped the Americans double the lead. After heading in Dest's deflected shot from the top of the box, Alex Freeman was initially declared offside. The review showed he was onside when the ball was played, and the 21-year-old Freeman — who didn't have a single USMNT cap until last June — sprinted to the opposite corner, mobbed by the bench.

The joyous scene played out against the backdrop of what was arguably the best crowd ever seen at a U.S. soccer match. Seattle, a soccer-loving city, lived up to its billing. The press box shook with every goal, and at the final whistle, the crowd boomed into "Country Roads," with players singing along.

"Even if I'm not American, after the game, I was emotional," Pochettino said, "because I think the atmosphere was amazing. The fans were amazing."

If there was a complaint to be had, it's that the U.S. seemed to play a little more passively in the second half, albeit while playing with a two-goal lead that Australia never had the horses to match. Indeed, even while playing defense for much of the second half, the U.S. kept a clean sheet for the first time since a Sept. 9 friendly against Japan.

The Socceroos physicality, a storyline coming into the match, did indeed create some issues. Antonee Robinson, Chris Richards and Balogun all picked up yellow cards; Freeman was repeatedly on the wrong end of borderline challenges, four different Aussies were booked as well.

After clinching, though, all four Americans on a yellow — those three plus Tyler Adams — can sit against Turkey next week, as can Pulisic if he's anything less than 100 percent.

"We expected it," Richards said. "We saw it in the fall. We expected it, but at the end of the day, whoever scores the most goals wins the game. We took care of business."

Australian coach Tony Popovic's decision to bench Nestory Irankunda, the speedy attacker who scored against Turkey, was bizarre in the moment and the mistake was tacitly admitted when Irankunda came on at halftime.

Pochettino, by contrast, hit every note perfectly. He's gambled repeatedly both in the yearlong lead-up to this World Cup and during it; playing Pepi alongside Balogun was only the latest.

He keeps on getting it right.

The Americans were semifinalists 96 years ago in Montevideo, their best-ever result at a World Cup.

"It's not changed too much, my view, my dreams," Pochettino said.

A nation is dreaming now, right along with him.

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MOVING ON CUP: Antonee Robinson (No. 5), Folarin Balogun (No. 20) and Malik Tillman (No. 17) celebrate after Australia's Cameron Burgess scores an own goal (left, No. 21) and the first goal in the United States' 2-0 win. Fans are starting to "believe" (inset) after the U.S. secured a spot in the knockout round.

As confidence rises, history gets closer

Brian Lewis

SEATTLE — The soccer old heads — the veterans who paved the way for this World Cup squad — hate the term "golden generation." That's a title won, a sobriquet earned.

The current team hasn't gotten there yet — hasn't reached a World Cup quarterfinal — but Friday's 2-0 victory over Australia at Lumen Field made the road a lot easier.

"We need to keep believing and approach every single day that we were approaching from Day 1, believing that we can win," said Mauricio Pochettino. "Knowing that we need to work really hard, but at the same time, enjoying the time together, building every day our journey and into the next game."

This had all the makings of a trap game — a potential letdown off an opening win, playing without star Christian Pulisic and facing a physical, underrated opponent. But the U.S. didn't fall into the trap. They rose above it.

No Pulisic? No problem.

They won two group stage matches for only the second time ever — and first since their inaugural tourney way back in 1930. It's the first time they've won their first two matches, clinching advancement to the knockout stages.

"We've won two games, and now we've been consistently winning and consistently playing well," said goal scorer Alex Freeman. "For us, our confidence is above the roof. And I feel like for us it's, how can we give more and more and more?"

And the U.S. not only advanced on Friday afternoon, but won the group later in the night.

Thanks to 10-man Paraguay holding on to beat Turkey, the U.S. clinched a first-place finish. They'll host a Round of 32 knockout game on July 1 in San Francisco, expected to be against an easier third-place team.

"I've not used 'the golden generation' at all. I hate it until you're the golden generation," said 1994 captain Tony Meola. "What I'd like to do is come out of this World Cup and say this is the golden generation of the U.S. national team.

"We want to put this moniker on this group. They've got to earn it ... So yeah, I'd love to see them become that. They've got six weeks here to become that."

That's a high bar, but this team is raising it.

To the point even Zlatan Ibrahimovic — working for Fox — said they can win the whole thing. And the players don't disagree.

"Every game, every tournament we play in, we want to win. I don't think it's ridiculous to say that we want to win," Chris Richards said. "We want to win a trophy at the end of this."

That's why U.S. Soccer made Pochettino the highest-paid manager in its history, and one of the highest-paid international soccer coaches on the planet.

Friday, he pulled the right strings, starting Ricardo Pepi for Pulisic on the left wing. They dominated possession early, then made their most dangerous runs down the left after he slid Flo Balogun over to the wing and after they switched from a 4-2-3-1 to a 3-5-2 late.

Balogun's cross got bundled in for an own goal and the opening tally. And the in-form striker isn't looking at historical precedent as much as hardware.

"For me growing up, history is always the winners are remembered," said Balogun. "I'm aware the country is supporting us and the country is proud of us and each game we are doing things. For me, I'm just focused on the prize."

Challenged physically, they looked like a team ready to compete. In a bout that saw seven yellow cards — the most so far in the tourney — they came out on top.

Freeman, minutes after a crushing head-to-head collision with Paul Okon-Engstler, got up and headed in a deflected Sergiño Dest shot for their second goal. One that put a dagger in Australia and put the U.S. through.

But their goals are higher. Aiming for gold.

"There is no golden generation. The golden generation comes after the fact. You have to prove you were a golden generation," said former World Cup keeper Kasey Keller. "So, this is that first step.

"This is going to be pivotal ... That draw in the Round of 32 is significantly different if you do the job in the group stage and win that group and then go on from there. That starts today."

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STREAM IT OR SKIP IT

Zazie Beetz (below) boasts a magnetic presence as an action star (doubling as a horror-flick final girl here) in **"They Will Kill You"** (HBO Max), and she's game for the voluminous arterial spray, but she's far better than this paper-thin screenplay.

OUR CALL: SKIP IT

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WHAT TO WATCH

"Voicemails for Isabelle"—now streaming on Netflix—reminded us that there is magic in the rom-com genre, when done right. **Zoey Deutch** (left) stars as Jill, an aspiring chef grieving the recent death of her younger sister. She copes by leaving voicemails for her dead sister, regaling her with tales of her failed dating escapades. As it turns out, those voicemails end up on a new phone of a man named Wes (Nick Robinson) who falls for the funny, smart, grieving girl in his phone.

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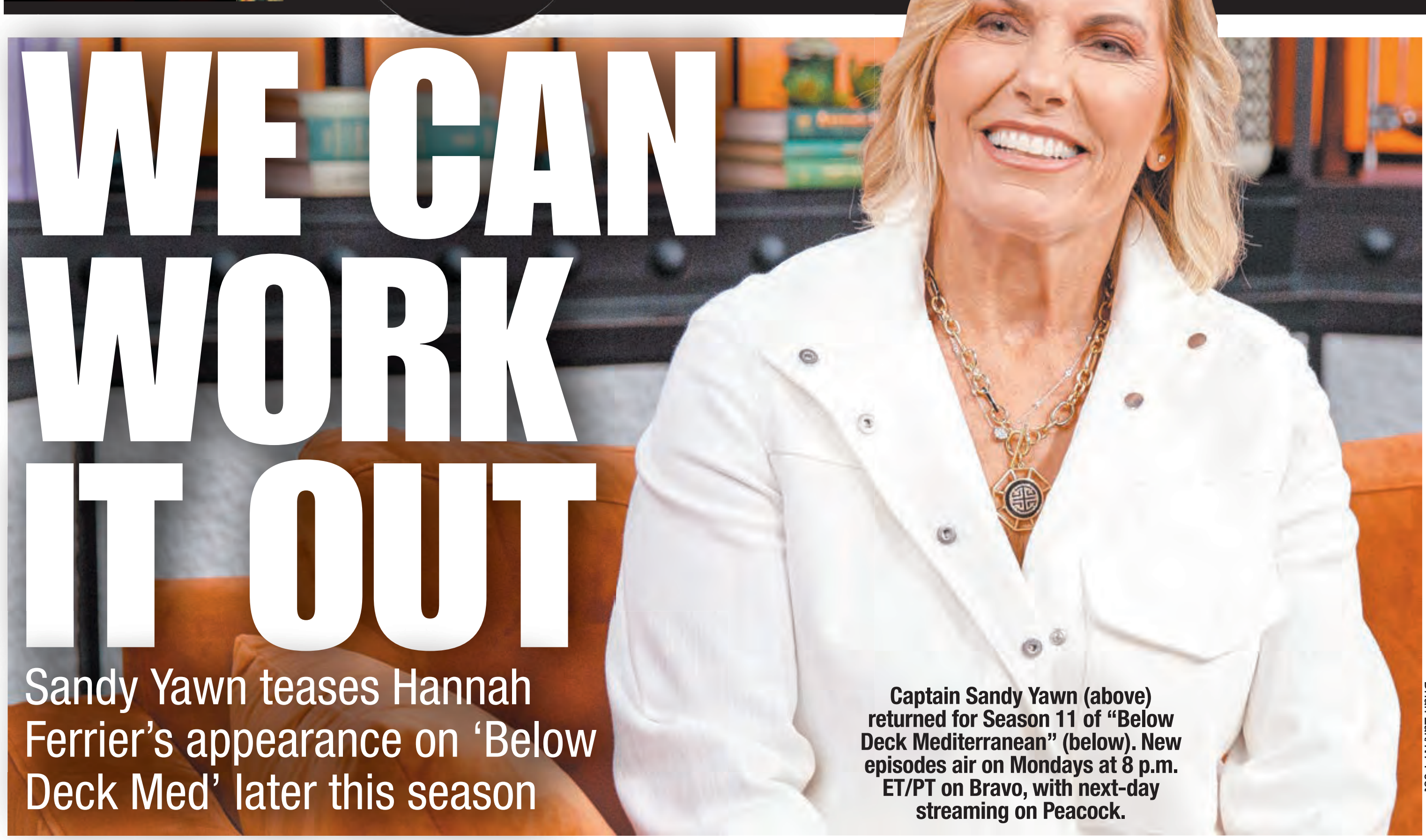

WE CAN WORK IT OUT

Sandy Yawn teases Hannah Ferrier's appearance on 'Below Deck Med' later this season

Captain Sandy Yawn (above) returned for Season 11 of "Below Deck Mediterranean" (below). New episodes air on Mondays at 8 p.m. ET/PT on Bravo, with next-day streaming on Peacock.

Brian Zak/NY Post

By KAREN KEMMERLE

Captain Sandy Yawn is back at the helm for another exciting installment of **"Below Deck Mediterranean."** This season, our intrepid leader is driving the motor yacht Akira One through the stunning waters of Dubrovnik, Croatia, where a large majority of **"Game of Thrones"** was filmed. By Yawn's side once again are Chief Stew Aesha Scott, Bosun Nathan Gallagher, and Deckhand Joe Bradley. Also joining the department heads this season is Chef Joy Lefaucheur. Scott finally got her wish and has three stews on her interior team: Gen Lillie, Kayley Smith, and Kat Johnston. For his part, Gallagher must put aside his issues with former friend Bradley and focus on training his two green deckhands: Cooper Dawson and Luke Brumer.

Yawn had no idea how bad things had gotten between Gallagher and Bradley and personally didn't like to see Bradley undermine his boss. "Listen, we're in a professional setting," said Yawn. "Don't be catty. Just be honest and have a conversation." While Yawn maintains that Bradley is an "asset" on deck, she admits that both he and Gallagher have a lot of growing up to do.

"When it comes to conflict, Nathan has a temper and Joe really doesn't," said Yawn simply. Like the viewers, Yawn hopes the two resolve their issues and revive the "bromance" they once had together. "I want to see them come back together," said Yawn.

Another familiar face fans will see is former Chief Stew Hannah Ferrier, who makes an appearance later this season. "She deserved to come back for a visit," said Yawn. After their infamous falling out in Season 5, Yawn and Ferrier have resolved their conflict and are now friends again. "It's honestly been healing," said Yawn of their reconciliation. "I was able to tell her my side of the story and let her know that I didn't hate her." Ferrier was also able to explain her side of the situation, which made Yawn "understand Hannah better." The two still "stay in touch," according to Yawn.

Yawn stopped by the DECIDER studio to discuss the new season, dish on the crew, and much more.

DECIDER: Aesha was at your wedding and you scored a coveted invite to hers. What does your relationship with Aesha mean to you?

SANDY YAWN: She's like a family member. She is exactly who she is. I just love her. You can't work with people that closely and not create a bond. We share intimate things about our lives because we're friends. Aesha will be in my life for the rest of my life.

Besides Jean-Luc from "Sailing Yacht," Luke and Cooper might be the biggest deckhands I've ever seen! What are the advantages and disadvantages to their size?

I don't think Cooper really fit in his bunk [laughs]. I think Cooper is the tallest of them. He's a former football player, so you can imagine. The cabins were quite small for them. Though, it was great to have the muscle on deck.

Hannah Ferrier returns to "Below Deck Med" this season! What can you tell me about her appearance on the show?

It was great to have her. Hannah did the first five seasons. She deserved to come back for a visit. Hannah and Aesha did a full charter season together, so they have remained friends. It was wonderful to have her back.

Fans love that you and Hannah have reconciled. What's been your favorite part about having her back in your life?

It's honestly been healing. I was able to tell her my side of the story and let her know that I didn't hate her. It's just that I wanted Hannah to do her job. Hannah was then able to tell me her side of the situation. There were some things that I didn't know about that were going on, which made me understand Hannah better. We had a great conversation in Australia. I got to meet her family. I got to bring her on City Cruises Live with me, which was really cool. It's great being able to stay in touch.

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TRENDING NOW

"Austin Powers" star **Mike Myers** (left) seemingly confirmed that there will be another film in the franchise, which would make it the latest installment since 2002's **"Austin Powers in Goldmember."** Deadline reports that the actor said "yes," there will be another movie, on **"Trevor Noah's World Cup Watch Party."**

WHAT'S NEW

ON HALLMARK CHANNEL
"**The Love Heist**," starring **Lyndsy Fonseca** and **Peter Porte** (left).

ON NETFLIX
"**The Root of the Game**," a sports docuseries.

Best Bets

What's on Tonight

FAMILY

Toy Story: 3 p.m. on FX. Tom Hanks, Tim Allen. A toy cowboy – jealous of a new spaceman toy – is forced to form an uneasy alliance to reunite with their owner.

ACTION

Top Gun: Maverick: 6:50 p.m. on PARMT. Tom Cruise, Jennifer Connelly. Pete Mitchell must face his past to train new Navy graduates for a dangerous mission.

ADVENTURE

Jurassic Park: 7 p.m. on AMC. Sam Neill, Laura Dern. A billionaire invites a team of scientists to explore his dinosaur-filled island amusement park.

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2 WCBS	2	2	2	CBS Weekend News	Entertainment Tonight		WNBA Basketball: Dallas Wings at Chicago Sky from Wintrust Arena. Live.				48 Hours: Dead Girls Don't Talk (R)		CBS News 11pm	(11:35) Inside Edition
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9 WWOR	9	9	9	(6:00) Celebrate the Soul 250			Family Feud (R)	Family Feud (R)	Family Feud (R)	Family Feud (R)	Finally Caught: Algeri (R)		In Depth	Wonderama
11 WPIX	11	11	11	(5:00) NASCAR O'Reilly Auto Part: Naval Base Coronado Live.			Banana Ball: Party Animals at Texas Tailgaters. Live.						Seinfeld: Bizarro Jerry	Seinfeld: Little Kicks
13 WNET	13	13	13	GZero World	The Austin Film	Inspector George Gently: Gently Northern Soul			Father of the Bride (1950, Comedy) Spencer Tracy. NR ★★★			(10:38) The Story of.....: The Story of Elizabeth		Father of Bride (1950)
21 WLIW	21	21	21	Compass	Mack	Firing (R)	Midsomer Murders			(9:35) Velvet: Glory Days (R)				House
25 WNYE	25	22	25	Walkin NYC	Hospitality and Politics		92Y on NYCLife		Letter of Introduction (1938) NR ★★			Mack	Profiles	GZero
31 WPXN	31	3	531	(6:00) NCIS	NCIS: Ladies' Night		NCIS: Killer Instinct		NCIS: After the Storm		NCIS: Irreconcilable		NCIS: Whisky Tango	
41 WXTV	41	6	41	N Univisio	Piensa Rápido		Sonic: La película (2020, Aventura) Jim Carrey. ★★★				Oríllese a la orilla		Fam. de 10	N Univisio
47 WNJU	47	16	12	Noticias	Mundial	Copa Mundial de FIFA 2026: Curaçao vs Ecuador. Directo.					El Pelotazo Directo.		Mundial	Mundial 26
55 WLNY	55	10	10	Pawn Stars	Last Man	Last Man	Fire Country: Alert the		NCIS: Hawai'i: Dies Irae		Judge Judy	Paid	Women Wrestling	
A&E	46	46	181	Storage (R)	Storage Wars (R)		Storage Wars: Back		Storage Wars		(10:01) Storage Wars (R)		(11:04) Storage Wars (R)	
AMC	54	43	231	Soldier ★★★	Jurassic Park (1993, Science Fiction) Sam Neill. PG-13 ★★★½						The Lost World: Jurassic Park (1997) Jeff Goldblum.			
BBCAM	71	101	189	(6:50) Planet Earth II: Islands			Wild Spring: Adaptation		(9:11) Gone in 60 Seconds (2000, Action) Nicolas Cage, Angelina Jolie. ★★★					
BET	37	54	270	Equalizer	The Equalizer		The Equalizer		The Equalizer		Jumping the Broom (2011, Comedy) Angela Bassett.			
BRAVO	18	44	185	(5:30) Blended (2014, Comedy) ★★½			The Wedding Singer (1998, Comedy) Adam Sandler.				Blended (2014, Comedy) Adam Sandler. PG-13 ★★½			
CNBC	15	24	102	Greed (R)	American Greed (R)		American Greed (R)		American Greed (R)		American Greed (R)		American Greed (R)	
CNN	78	25	100	Newsroom	CNN Newsroom		Real Time with		American on Purpose		American on Purpose		Real Time with	
COMEDY	45	50	190	The Office	The Office	Dodgeball: A True Underdog Story (2004) PG-13 ★★★				The Hangover (2009, Comedy) Bradley Cooper. ★★★½				Hangover 2
DISC	66	27	120	Exp Unknwn	Expedition Unknown (R)		Expedition Unknown (R)		Expedition Unknown (R)		Expedition Unknown (R)		Expedition Unknown (R)	
DISNEY	49	31	250	Big City	Monsters, Inc. (2001) John Goodman. G			(8:40) Kiff	(9:05) Kiff	Kiff	Phineas	Phineas	Miraculous	Miraculous
E!	24	51	196	Jurassic	Fast X (2023, Action) Vin Diesel. PG-13 ★★½						Jurassic World: Fallen Kingdom (2018) Chris Pratt.			
ESPN	28	36	70	Banana Ball	College World Studio		College World Series: Final: Game 1 Live.						SportsCenter	
ESPN2	29	35	74	USL Soccer	Banana Ball: Bananas vs. Indianapolis Clowns Live.				Premier Lacrosse League Live.				SEC Storied	
FBN	43	106	117	Dream Car	My Dream Car		My Dream Car		My Dream Car		My Dream Car		My Dream Car	
FNC	44	26	118	(5:00) The Big Weekend Show			Life, Liberty & Levin		My View with Lara Trump		Fox News Saturday Night		Gutfeld! (R)	
FOOD	50	97	164	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners
FREE	38	49	199	Finding Nemo (2003) ★★★½		Finding Dory (2016, Adventure) Ellen DeGeneres. PG				(9:50) Ratatouille (2007, Comedy) Patton Oswalt, Ian Holm. G ★★★½				
FS1	400	99	83	MotoGP	FIFA World Cup Live.		2026 FIFA World Cup: Curaçao at Ecuador. Live.				2026 FIFA World Cup Replay.			FIFA World
FX	10	40	53	Toy Story 2	Toy Story 3 (2010, Comedy) Tom Hanks. G ★★★★								Mrs. Doubtfire (1993) ★★★	
HALL		191	240	(6:00) Catch of the Day (2025)			The Love Heist (2026, Romance) Lyndsy Fonseca.				The Greek Aisle (2026, Romance) Nikki Deloach.			
HGTV	64	98	165	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters
HIST	40	47	128	UnXplained	The UnXplained (R)		The UnXplained (R)		(9:02) The UnXplained (R)		(10:05) The UnXplained		(11:05) The UnXplained	
ID	23	171	123	Sleep	Does Murder Sleep?		Fatal Vows		Fatal Vows		That Didn't End		Fatal Vows	
LIFE	62	45	140	(6:00) Girl in the Closet (2023, Thriller)			Don't Trust the Girls Upstairs (2026)				Deadly Ex Next Door (2021, Thriller) Tianna Nori. NR			
MeTV	33	33	3	Stooges	Stooges	Stooges	The Time of Their Lives (1946, Comedy) Bud Abbott. NR ★★★					Batman	Star Trek: Tribbles	
MSG	27	87	78	United	United Fight Alliance		World Champ. Boxing				Team Boxing League: Atlanta Attack at Phoenix Fury			
MSG Plus	48	88	80	(12:00) FanDuel Racing									Fairways of Life	
MSNOW	14	23	103	Weekend	The Weekend		The Weekend		Crooked on MS NOW		Rachel Maddow		The 11th Hour with Ali (R)	
MTV	20	53	210	Bang	Titanic (1997, Romance): A dashing vagabond falls in love with a rich girl aboard an ill-fated ship. Leonardo DiCaprio.									Titanic
NATGEO	65	162	121	Smuggler	To Catch a Smuggler (R)		To Catch a Smuggler (R)		Liverpool Narcos		To Catch a Smuggler (R)		To Catch a Smuggler (R)	
NICK	6	121	252	Despicable	Despicable Me 3 (2017, Comedy) Steve Carell. ★★½				Friends	Friends	Bang	Bang	(11:15) Big Bang Theory	
OWN	173	180	145	(6:00) Heart	Heart & Hustle: Houston		Heart & Hustle: Houston		Belle Collective		Belle Collective		Heart & Hustle: Houston	
PARMT	36	56	54	(6:50) Top Gun: Maverick (2022, Action) Tom Cruise, Jennifer Connelly. PG-13 ★★★½							Top Gun: Maverick (2022, Action) Tom Cruise. ★★★½			
SNY	26	60	77	(6:00) Minor League Baseball Live.					Yeah ...	Yeah ...	Post Game	Sports	Sports	Sports
SYFY	17	48	180	Five Nights at Freddy's		Imaginary (2024, Horror) Tom Payne. PG-13					Cocaine Bear (2023, Comedy) Keri Russell. R ★★½			
TBS	8	39	52	Bang	Bang	Bang	Superman (2025, Action) David Corenswet. PG-13					Rush Hour (1998, Action) Jackie Chan.		
TCM	82	41	230	(5:45) Bonnie and Clyde (1967, Drama)			Rear Window (1954, Thriller) James Stewart. NR ★★★★				Paper Moon (1973, Drama) Ryan O'Neal. PG ★★★½			
TLC	52	28	139	Doctors	The Face Doctors		The Face Doctors		Little Singles (R)		Watch	Watch	Most Extreme (R)	
TNT	3	37	51	(5:30) I, Robot (2004, Science Fiction)			All Elite Wrestling: Collision: Collision 6/20/2026				Godzilla x Kong: The New Empire (2024) PG-13			
TVLAND	85	34	241	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Queens	Queens
USA	16	38	50	(6:00) 9-1-1	9-1-1: Buck, Actually		9-1-1: Hen Begins		9-1-1: Merry Ex-Mas		9-1-1: Broken		9-1-1: Ocean's 9-1-1	
VH1	19	52	217	The House Bunny (2008) Anna Faris.			Scary Movie (2000, Comedy) Shawn Wayans. R ★★½				Scary Movie 2 (2001, Comedy) Shawn Wayans. R ★★			
WE	59	42	149	(6:00) NCIS	NCIS: Bounce		NCIS: South Southwest		NCIS: Knockout		NCIS: Hide and Seek		NCIS: Dead Reckoning	
YES	53	89	76	Yankees	Sportico	Homegrown	My Number	Major League Cricket: Washington Freedom at MI New York. Live.						
HBO	511	301	400	Dragon (R)	(6:55) Of the Dragon (R)		How to Make a Killing (2026) R			(9:48) Gran Turismo (2023, Drama) David Harbour, Orlando Bloom.				
MAX	531	371	420	Horizon: 1	(7:12) Tomb Raider (2018, Action) Alicia Vikander. ★★★				(9:10) Furiosa: A Mad Max Saga (2024, Action) Anya Taylor-Joy. R					Planet ★★★½
MGM Plus	595		395	(5:35) The Martian (2015) Matt Damon.			Project Hail Mary (2026, Drama) Ryan Gosling. PG-13					(10:40) The Running Man (2025, Action)		
PARSHO	551	321	365	(6:00) The Godfather (1972, Crime) Marlon Brando, Al Pacino. ★★★★					The Godfather: Part II (1974, Drama) Al Pacino. R ★★★★					

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USMNT blanks Aussies, reaches elimination round

USA BY KO!

Alex Freeman scores on a header during the first half of the United States' 2-0 victory over Australia in Group D World Cup action Friday in Seattle. With the win and Paraguay's victory over Turkey, USMNT clinches the top spot in the group and moves into the knockout round. **SEARS, LEWIS, DUARTE / P. 53-50**

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